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Council to meet over poisonings

UNITED NATIONS, April 4 (AP) — U.N. Security Council members were summoned to private talks Monday after Iraq asked for an urgent council meeting on what it called "mass poisoning of more than 1,000 Palestinian schoolgirls on the Israeli-occupied West Bank. (Related story on page 4)

U.S. Ambassador Jeane J. Kirkpatrick, council president for April, scheduled the private consultations for 5:30 p.m. (2330 GMT) Monday, the 15-nation council's first working day after receipt of the Iraqi request.

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Until Iran, Iraq declare truce Each on his own to combat slick threat, states agree

MANAMA, Bahrain, April 4 (AP) — Pollution experts from the eight oil-producing states of the Gulf region wound up a brief meeting here Monday by recommending that each country "continue individually" combat measures against a massive Iranian oil slick, now on the rampage in Gulf waters.

Khaled Fakhr of Bahrain, the group's spokesman, said that the experts agreed there was no sense in starting Gulf-wide combat measures until a political agreement is worked out between Iran and Iraq on a ceasefire in the leaking area, at the bombed Iranian Nowruz field north of the Gulf.

The meeting of experts, called by the Kuwait-based Regional Organization for the Protection of the Marine Environment, aimed at devising an action plan for ministers

Tehran spurns Baghdad offer

BAHRAIN, April 4 (R) — Iran turned down Monday an Iraqi offer of a limited ceasefire to allow neutral experts to stem widespread pollution of the Gulf.

It said Iraq should first give safe conduct to repair crews standing by to cap the two damaged off-shore platforms in a dangerous war zone.

Ambassador Ali Shams Ardekani said here Iraq should retract a war communique in which it said ships close to the leaking oilfield would be military targets. "All Iraq has to do is to retract a March 2 statement and say it will not attack," he told Reuters.

Shams is leading the Iranian delegation to crisis talks here of pollution experts from all the Gulf states.

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who are due to meet this week in Kuwait, conference sources said.

While a clean-up operation could begin immediately, a political decision would be needed on a truce before the flow could be stopped, they said.

Oil slick was sighted 80 kilometers from Saudi Arabia's eastern coast, which holds its vast petroleum-producing operation and its lifeline water desalination and electrical power plants.

But Fahd Al-Khaya, the Oil Ministry's undersecretary in charge of technical and oil company affairs, told the official Saudi Press Agency that the Kingdom's coast was "until now" free from oil contamination.

Al-Khaya reaffirmed that combat teams were on standby to "fight pollution in Saudi waters and beaches before the slick arrives."

Khaled Al-Falch, head of the Saudi Meteorological Agency in the Eastern Province, told the Agency that the slick sighted Sunday was "beyond the Morgan oil field" and was "currently being juggled northward and southward by the waves, away from the Kingdom's coast."

Studies published by the Saudi University of Petroleum and Minerals meanwhile said the slick's mass was believed to be equivalent to the contents of 150,000 barrels of crude oil, spread over an area of roughly 11,520 kilometers, with length of the amorphous slick estimated at 400 kilometers and width at 50 kilometers.

A marine expert in Qatar said Monday that the slick, which satellite pictures show dotted across almost half the Gulf, would still be affecting marine life in three or four years.

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Pact with Pakistan hailed by ministers

By S. Siddiqui
Riyadh Bureau

RIYADH, April 4 — "The agreement we signed with Pakistan did not arise because of some security problems between the two countries. It is a normal business and we regard it an excellent achievement between the two Islamic states," Interior Minister Prince Naif told Arab News here Monday.

The agreement, which was signed by the prince and his Pakistani counterpart Mahmood Haroon will run for three years, renewable automatically and it is the first agreement to be signed with a non-Arab country. Prince Naif said the agreement regulates security relations between the two countries and exchange of information, extradition of criminals and follow-up of various developments in the security field that concern both countries.

Another agreement was signed to cover training which will start this year after the technical committees sort out the fine details of the numbers of candidates and whether they are going to be trained in Pakistan or in the Kingdom.

Haroon told Arab News that the pact will institutionalize the already existing and expanding cooperation through the formation of the joint ministerial committee which will meet annually.

There are some 450,000 to 500,000 Pakistanis working in the Kingdom.

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Arafat in hectic talks with Hussein, aides

AMMAN, April 4 (AP) — Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat huddled Monday with key advisers and then held a fourth meeting with King Hussein amid intensified negotiations aimed at reaching agreement on future Middle East peace moves.

Arafat, who has been in the Jordanian capital since Thursday, sped off for a luncheon meeting with King Hussein after conferring for about 90 minutes with members of the PLO's 15-member executive council.

There was no word on the outcome of the talks. But PLO officials said there would probably be a joint communique issued at the end of the talks.

The presence in Amman of so many key PLO advisers indicated that the organization was on the verge of a major decision on calls for a joint Palestinian-Jordanian approach to peace talks with Israel.

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Kingdom, Tunisia agree to bolster cooperation

By a Staff Writer

RIYADH, April 4 — Saudi Arabia and Tunisia have expressed satisfaction with the development of bilateral relations and called for further strengthening of these ties. This came in a joint communiqué issued here Sunday night following an official visit to Saudi Arabia by Tunisian Economy Minister Abdul Aziz Lasram during which he had talks with Industry and Electricity Minister Dr. Ghazi Algosabi.

The communiqué said discussions covered cooperation in the industrial and electrical fields, investment studies and the exchange of technical know-how. The two sides agreed that Saudi Arabia urge industrialists in the Kingdom to participate in major industrial projects in Tunisia, it added.

It also said the Saudi team at the talks expressed appreciation for Tunisia's facilitating the task of a delegation representing the Saudi Basic Industries Corporation (SABIC).

The communiqué said the Tunisian side had expressed readiness to import Saudi Arabia's industrial products and further contacts on the issue would be held.

Lasram told *Arab News* that Tunis will import hundreds of thousands of tons from the Kingdom's petrochemical products when they come onstream. The products, mainly ammonia and sulfur, will meet Tunisia's petrochemical needs.

"This will diversify our products and enable us to be more competitive in the market," said Lasram. According to the minister, the Tunisian petrochemical products which are based on phosphates amount to four million tons annually and Tunis imports one million ton of sulfur every year to support this industry. Lasram said that their product is being marketed all over the world from Brazil to Indonesia.

Lasram arrived here Saturday on a three-day visit at the invitation of Dr. Algosabi. During his stay, Lasram was received by Crown Prince Abdullah and conferred with National Economy Minister Muhammad Aba Al-Khail and Planning Minister Hisham Nazer.

Algosabi and Lasram Sunday signed an "understanding agreement", which is

Abdullah meets ulema

RIYADH, April 4 (SPA) — Crown Prince Abdullah, the first deputy premier and commander of the National Guard, received here Monday the ulema (Muslim scholars), as customary every week.

Saudia maintains performance record

RIYADH, April 4 — Saudia, the Saudi Arabian national airline, maintained its performance record during the month of March, with on time departures and arrivals reaching unprecedented heights.

Al-Riyadh indicated that the on-time departure rate of flights reached 94 percent, while on-time arriving flights amounted to 90.8 percent.

According to the report, this is the ninth successive month in which arriving flights operational performance was 90 percent. This was the third month in succession in which more than 90 percent of the arriving Saudia flights were on time.

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Saudi Agriculture '83 opening set for April 10

By a Staff Writer

RIYADH, April 4 — Deputy Minister for Agriculture Research and Development Abdul Aziz Al-Modbel will officially open Saudi Agriculture '83 at the Al Dhiafa Exhibition Center here on April 10. Saudi Agriculture '83 which is the second agriculture, irrigation and agro-industry show to be held in the Kingdom, will continue until April 14.

More than 420 companies from 22 countries are participating in the show, including national groups from Australia, Austria, Brazil, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Holland, Italy, Sweden and the United Kingdom. Individual companies will come from the United States, Japan, Greece, Norway, Belgium, Turkey and Switzerland.

Some 42 Saudi Arabian companies are taking part in the show, an increase of 46 percent over last year's show.

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intended to provide a general framework for cooperation between the two countries and draw up a timetable "so that when we meet next time we see where do we stand," Lasram said. Algosabi described the agreement as an exemplification of the positive spirit and sincere desire to build cooperation between the Kingdom and Tunisia on solid basis. Lasram pointed out that the idea is not to confine the two countries to a rigid agreement, but to adopt a flexible attitude and serve mutual interests.



CONFERENCE: Interior Minister Prince Naif, right, is seen Monday at the opening of the conference of the Arab justice ministers in Riyadh. At left is Justice Minister Ibrahim Al-Sheikh.

Justice gathering a landmark -- Naif

RIYADH, April 4 (SPA) — Interior Minister Prince Naif Monday deputized for King Fahd in opening the first conference of Arab ministers of justice. In a speech, Prince Naif said it was necessary to respond to Arab aspirations for consolidating justice and establishing a balance in public services.

He noted the difficult circumstances through which the Arab nation was passing at present and stressed the importance of the gathering which he described as a turning point in modern Arab history.

The aim of the meeting was to unify Arab legislative and judicial systems on the basis of the Islamic Shari'a (religious law) which is capable of strongly establishing societies founded on justice, equality and fraternity, Prince Naif said.

In a separate statement to SPA, Naif said he was confident the conference would achieve positive results, illustrating Arab unity. He stressed the need for "constructive action" in preparing for such conferences to ensure the interest of the people.

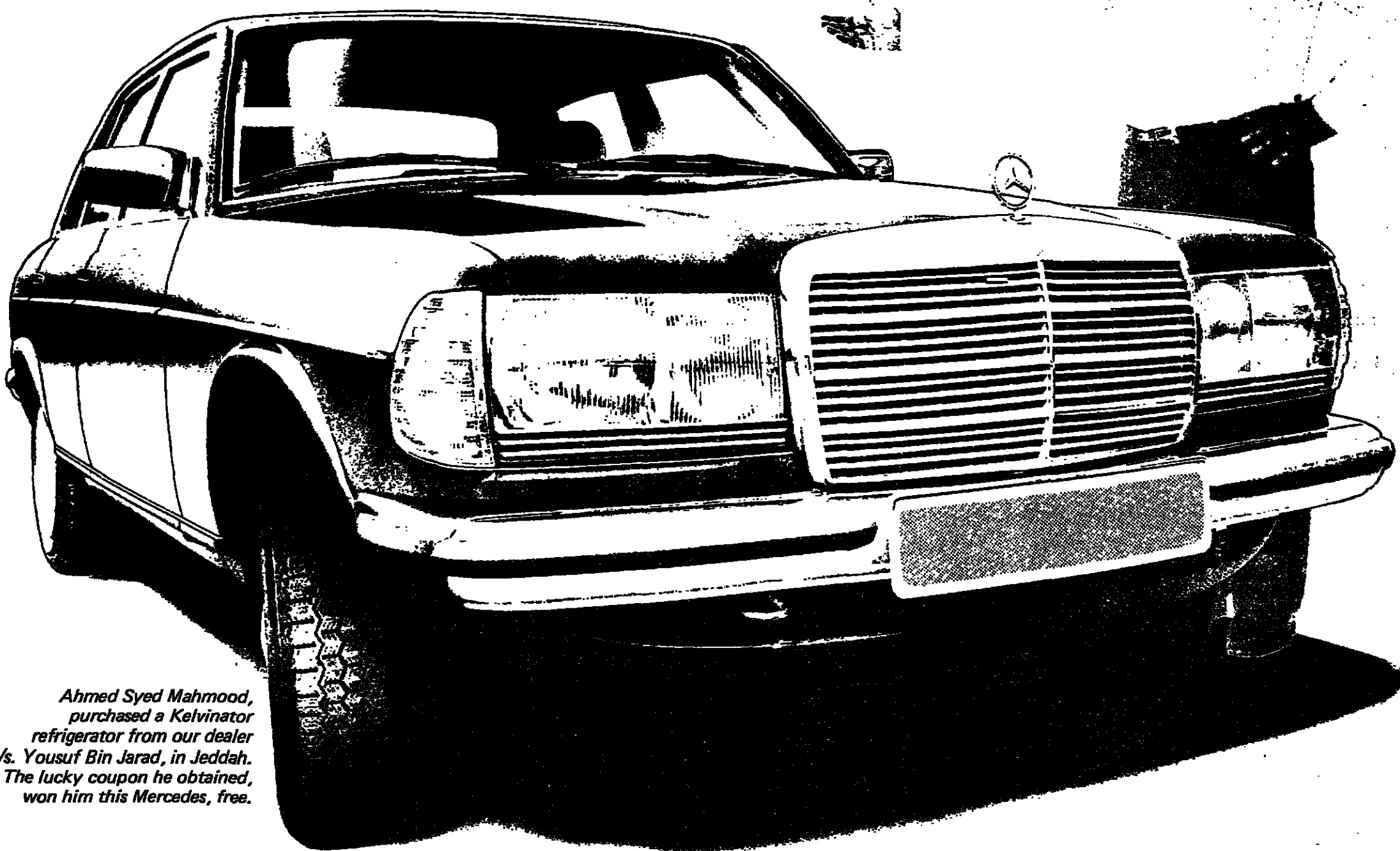
"This will constitute a proper reply to any propaganda campaigns against the Islamic and Arab nation," he said. Naif expressed the hope that two security agreements concluded Sunday with Pakistan would realize the desired aim.

For his part, Justice Minister Ibrahim Al-Sheikh had told SPA that discussions would cover drafting a unified Arab law on personal status and introducing the teaching of Islamic culture at higher institutions.

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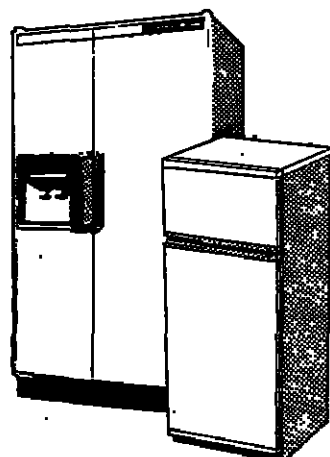


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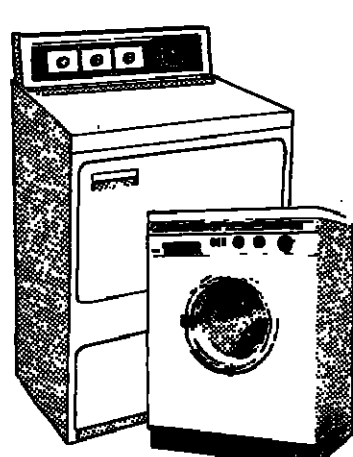
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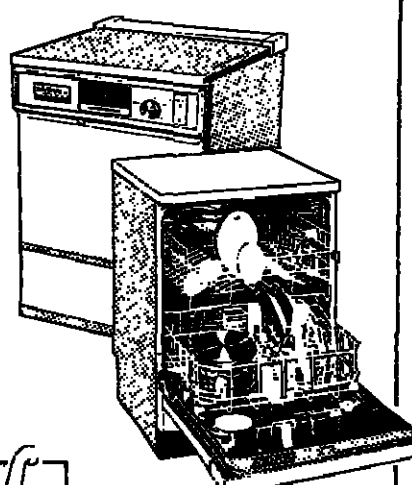
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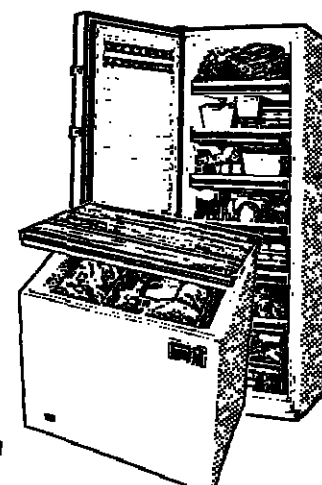
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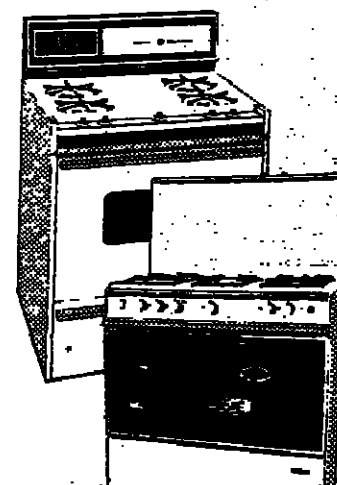
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Kingdom's aid totals \$60m

Nepal's envoy recalls 'enriching experiences'

By Aditya Man Shrestha
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, April 4 — Nepal's first ambassador to Saudi Arabia, Kedar Prasad Koirala, has played a key role in winning the goodwill and sympathy in the Middle East toward his country's development needs. Koirala, who will soon return home after more than three years of "enriching experiences," told *Arab News* his task was "to build a bridge between Nepal and Saudi Arabia." He voiced satisfac-



Kedar Prasad Koirala

tion that the two countries have come much closer to each other.

Nepal previously had very little contact with the Arab world, but Koirala said that after the opening of the Royal Nepalese Embassy here, contacts have grown to benefit Nepal in terms of economic assistance which to date amounts to more than \$60 million.

"More than that, the contacts between our two countries are very valuable and we hope that King Fahd will soon pay a visit to Kathmandu on King Birendra's invitation," Koirala said. "The invitation has already been made and accepted."

Nepalese Prime Minister Surya Bahadur Thapa is expected here soon and an economic delegation is now negotiating a Saudi Arabian loan. Koirala emphasized the need for exchange visits on social, cultural and political levels so that the governments and people of both countries can learn more about each other.

Koirala said Nepal had a major economic problem as one of the least developed countries in the world. It lacks capital, managerial skills and priorities.

"We have a marginal economy, however we have large growth potential," he said.

GCC states consider unified electric plan

DAMMAM, April 4 — The linking together of all Gulf Cooperation Council member countries through a unified electricity network is being considered, *Al-Nadwa* reported Monday.

Agreement has been reached that the University of Petroleum and Minerals (UPM) in Dhahran will supervise the study. The latter will be conducted by the Research Institute in Kuwait and an international consultancy firm.

"Two major growth fields, tourism and water resources need foreign capital for development. Arab investors are taking a keen interest in these sectors but we still have a long way to go in working out proposals."

Satisfaction was expressed by the ambassador about the quantity of economic aid Nepal has so far received from the Arab world. He said that Saudi Arabia has provided about \$60 million, and Kuwait about \$25 million for the Kulekhani hydroelectric project commissioned in 1982.

Another large hydroelectric project on the River Marsyandi, about 50 kilometers northwest of Kathmandu is developing with the Kingdom committing \$25 million and Kuwait likely to make a similar contribution. A road construction project from Kohlapur to Banabasa, a 150-kilometer distance from the westernmost part of Nepal's vital east-west highway is also likely to be funded by Saudi Arabia.

Koirala said his country is quite hopeful about tourism. He himself has done public relations for this cause since his arrival here. Although he has placed Nepal on the Middle East map, he feels his country needs a lot of publicity in the Arab world to attract tourists. He said he plans to urge his government to establish a regional tourist development office here and disclosed that Royal Nepal Airlines, although a small airline with only two 727 planes will be flying to Dubai via Karachi toward the end of this year.

"Nepal has more than a million Muslims, they are mainly in the southern part of our country and dependent on agriculture," Koirala explained. "They enjoy all the rights and privileges of their compatriots."

"Our government takes special care of Muslims when they go on pilgrimage," he said. "We permit them to take \$2,000 each, compared with \$150 for Nepalese going elsewhere. The government has a Haj committee which makes arrangements for travel, officials escort pilgrims choosing to travel by ship to their point of departure at Bombay."

He said the Nepalese Embassy here also extends all possible help to their pilgrims. He explained, however, that a majority of Nepalese Muslims do not undertake the journey to Saudi Arabia for the pilgrimage due to economic restraints.

Koirala described the economic development of Saudi Arabia as 'gigantic' and admired the smooth transition which has been attained without adverse effects on the basic spiritual values of the people.

Willingness of Nepal to supply manpower to Saudi Arabia was voiced by Koirala who said, "we have surplus labor in farming and retired army personnel can obtain suitable jobs as security guards in industrial plants and commercial units. It can relieve our unemployment problem a lot and at the same time Nepal can benefit from foreign exchange. Had we been well informed and prepared, 20,000 to 50,000 workers would have been here from Nepal by now."

According to Koirala, Gurkhas are named from an area which used to be a principality from where the ancestors of the present king of Nepal came. They were like King Abdul Aziz, who unified and consolidated the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

When the British were in India and encountered Nepalese fighters, they called them Gurkhas and since then Nepalese soldiers are identified as Gurkhas, he explained. "It is their unshakable integrity, dedication and loyalty that made them famous. 'Whomever you serve, serve honestly,' is their motto."



SURGEON ARRIVES: London's leading ophthalmic plastic surgeon Dr. Richard Collin, left, arrived recently in Jeddah at the invitation of Dr. Soliman Fakeeh, owner and director of Dr. Fakeeh Hospital. Dr. Collin is on a 10-day visit during which he will treat and correct eyelid disorders.

Visiting British specialist examines eyelid disorders

By K. S. Ramkumar
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, April 4 — Trachoma is endemic in this part of the world and hence eyelid disorders are very common, according to Dr. Richard Collin, an ophthalmic plastic surgeon at the Moorfields Eye Hospital in London.

Dr. Collin said in an interview with *Arab News* that eyelid disorders lead to the scarring of the eyelids, resulting in corneal scarring and subsequent diminution of vision.

The doctor, who is currently in the city examining and operating on patients at Dr. Fakeeh Hospital on invitation from its owner and director, Dr. Soliman Fakeeh, said trachoma itself is caused by a virus-like organism that is spread by flies, fingers, wind and dust.

The highest incidence of trachoma has always occurred in the Middle East, he said. Dr. Collin, who has specialized in diseases affecting the eyelids, said he has performed

surgeries on a number of Saudi Arabian patients in London. "I have done several thousand surgeries for removal of cataracts, correcting squints, eye watering, eye tumors, scars on eyelids of various sorts, tumors behind the eye pushing it forward and problems of the sockets," Dr. Collin said.

There are various advances in ophthalmic plastic surgery done so far. One of them is the use of liquid nitrogen spray on the lids to treat eyelid tumors. "And this means that one no longer has to do such major surgical operations as one used to have to."

The use of freezing has also revolutionized the treatment of cases like abnormal eye lashes that can abrade the front of the eye, he said adding that the other breakthroughs in the subject are related to reconstruction of the socket.

"Previously, we used to have various forms of plastic and materials inserted into a socket. But, now people have started using the body's own tissues," Dr. Collin said.

He said that although all the recent breakthroughs have been "very successful," the use of freezing is found extremely efficient in eradication of tumors.

SABIC share public subscription mapped

RIYADH, April 4 — Shares of the Saudi Arabian Basic Industries Corporation (SABIC) will be floated for public subscription within nine months, *Al-Riyadh* reported.

According to Commerce Undersecretary Dr. Abdul Aziz Al-Zamel, who is also SABIC's vice president and delegated member, 75 percent of the company's shares will be available to the public. The state will keep the remaining 25 percent.

The public will buy shares in the holding company, i.e. if a person buys a share, he would become SABIC's partner in all its projects.

Dr. Zamel said that all projects under SABIC's first phase of activities will be completed by the end of 1985; but second phase projects are already under consideration. SABIC already has four complexes in Jeddah and Jubail. They include a fertilizer complex, iron and steel complex, the methanol plant and the Saudi-Japanese joint plant.

The second phase calls for the implementation of support projects to basic industries using their products. The first such project will produce oxygen and nitrogen as a joint venture between SABIC and seven national firms in the field of industrial gas. It will supply industrial gases to SABIC, Petromin and the Royal Commission for Jubail and Yanbu.

A project for the production of PVC (raw plastic used by plastic factories) is under consideration. So far, the national plants have been importing this item. SABIC is also studying a medium scale project for the production of polystyrene which is used in the plastics industry, particularly in the manufacturing of furniture which would be marketed locally.

SABIC will also set up a project under its complementary industry plan for the production of MTBE, a substance usually added to car fuel to reduce the vehicles' gasoline consumption. A car using that substance could, for instance, run 35 kilometers instead of 30 with one gallon. Previously, it was lead that performed that function but lead is a poisonous substance which was banned in the West, particularly in the United States.

Directive regulates divorce certification

JEDDAH, April 4 — Saudi Arabia's justice minister has given directives to all Sharia courts in the Kingdom not to validate divorce certificates to wives of contractors and people recruited from abroad in Saudi Arabia.

Such certificates, the minister said in his circular, cannot be validated unless the divorced wife has left for the country where her parents are residing. *Al-Madinah* reported Monday.

After the divorce has taken place cohabitation between the former couple becomes banned religiously, and women cannot stay in Saudi Arabia without a *Mukrem* or responsible relative.

Dr. Zamel disclosed that on April 20, 30 tons of methanol produced by the Saudi Methanol Company in Jubail will be shipped to Japan for the first time. He said that, in the future, SABIC will export all its production, except 10 percent which will cover local requirements.

An intensive program is under way for the training of Saudi cadres and many youths have already returned from training in the

United States and Europe and from Asian and European tours to find agents and markets. Other companies associated with SABIC also made marketing arrangements. The official said that deals had been concluded to market about 80 percent of the production of the methanol plant this year and during the coming five years. Eighty percent will be marketed this year, and no less than 50 percent in the following years.

YANPET European marketing office

By a Staff Writer

EVERE, Belgium, April 4 — Ethylene-based derivatives manufactured by the Saudi-Yanbu Petrochemical Company (YANPET) at the petrochemical complex being built in Madinat Yanbu Al-Sinayah on the Red Sea coast will be marketed here at new facilities purchased by Mobil Polymers International Ltd. (MPI), a wholly owned Mobil affiliate.

The site will be the location of MPI's European-area marketing headquarters.

The Yanpet complex, scheduled for completion at the end of 1984, is jointly owned by the Saudi Basic Industries Corporation (SABIC) and Mobil. The facility will manufacture linear low and high density polyethylene and ethylene glycol. MPI will market these products throughout Europe, Africa, the Near and Far East, and Latin America.

Jeddah 'Aldebaran Tent' opening this month

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, April 4 — The Aldebaran Tent, a bright yellow landmark which has already been drawing the attention of drivers along the downtown part of the Corniche will be opened by the end of this month at the Red Sea Palace Hotel.

Hotel officials indicate that the Aldebaran Tent is named after the brightest star in the constellation, Taurus, and will recreate an exotic and unique atmosphere based on the royal service in use at the Great Khan's Court in Samarkand. It was Aldebaran which guided the fictitious sailor, Sinbad, on his seven journeys.

The Aldebaran Tent will offer a breathtaking view of the nearby lagoon and Corniche

and is expected to be an attraction for hotel exhibitors who wish to be right in the heart of the Balaad business area. Romantic drapes and lavish chandeliers hang down from four cupolas to create a genuinely oriental and luxurious ambience for wedding parties, conferences and banquets.

Mazda research team studying local conditions

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, April 4 — A production planning and research team from Japan's Toyo Kogyo Co. Ltd. is currently on a visit to the Kingdom to "thoroughly study the local terrain and conditions," according to Saeed Ahmed, general manager for commercial vehicles of the Haji Hussein Alireza Co. Ltd.

Ahmed said this is a regular feature of the Japanese manufacturers of Mazda automobiles and the purpose of such visits is to continuously offer a better product specially suited to the customer requirements in the Kingdom.

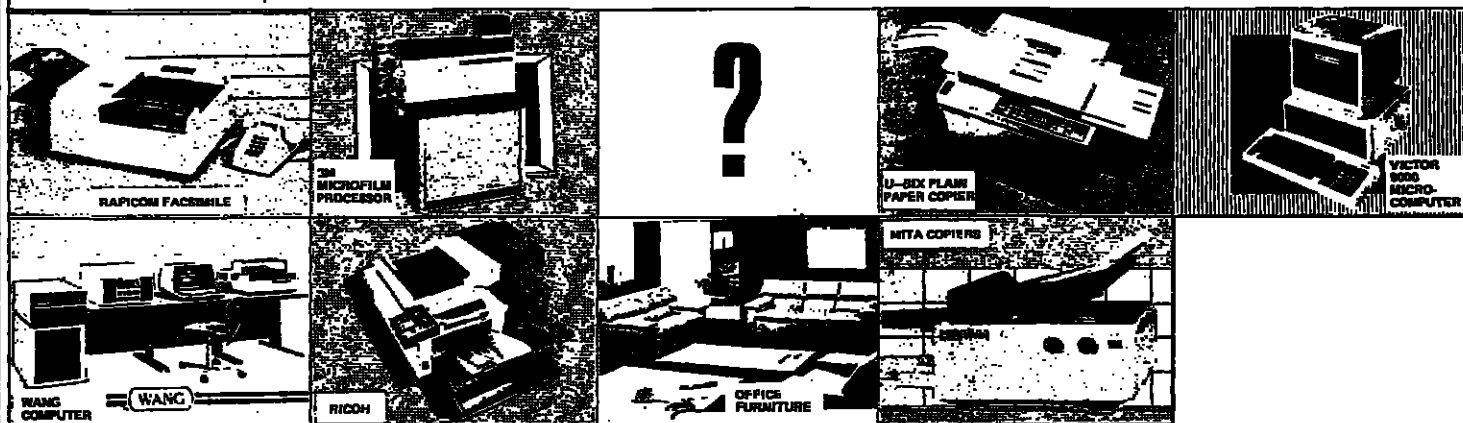
Hot spring discovered

JEDDAH, April 4 — Hot water is coming out from a crack in a mountain off the road between Jeddah and Al-Layth, *Al-Madinah* reported Monday. A team of geologists from the Western Province Water and Sewage Department visited the area recently to register the phenomenon, probe the origin of such water, evaluate its quantity and decide whether it could be commercially exploited for healing purposes.

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As protest against poisonings continues

Israel nabs Palestinians in W. Bank

TEL AVIV, April 4 (AP) — Two cars full of Palestinian youths were arrested Monday in Nablus, the main West Bank city, for alerting the residents that the water had been poisoned there, the military command said Monday.

On the Israeli-occupied West Bank, close to 500 more Arab high school young women were affected by poisonings, triggering anti-Israeli violence Sunday and fueling the suspicions of many residents that the Israelis are responsible. About 1,000 Arabs, most of them girls, have been hospitalized with nausea and other symptoms since March 21. The ensuing violence has left two Israeli soldiers and a Palestinian youth wounded. In

occupied Jerusalem, three Jews were injured. A grenade exploded outside Al-Watani hospital in Nablus, slightly injuring two Israeli soldiers, and Arab youths threw stones and slightly injured three Jews in occupied Jerusalem's Old City.

The army said it was investigating reports that an Israeli motorist in the southern West Bank shot an Arab youth in the stomach. Police said the youth was hospitalized.

The 17-year-old nephew of militant American-Israeli Rabbi Meir Kahane was detained after he fired an automatic weapon at the Palestinian crowd, police said. He was not identified because of his age.

Israeli security forces Monday arrested two

Call for unified Arab stand

JEDDAH, April 4 (SPA) — The Arab states should adopt a unified and bold stand to deter the Israeli designs, Sheikh Isa ibn Sulman Al-Khalifa, ruler of Bahrain, was quoted here as saying.

In a statement to the daily *Okaz*, the Bahraini leader said the Arab world should act unitedly to shatter the Zionist dream of the so-called greater Israel.

"The Arabs should adopt collective action based on the Pan-Arab Middle East peace plan of Fez, so as to recover their usurped rights and foil the malicious Zionist expansionist designs," Sheikh Isa added.

Commenting on the Palestinian-Jordanian talks currently underway in Amman between

King Hussein of Jordan and PLO's chairman Yasser Arafat, the Bahraini leader stressed that the whole Arab world "will place its full weight behind any unified Jordanian-Palestinian stand aiming at recovering usurped Arab rights and liberating occupied Arab territory."

He emphasized that the Gulf Cooperation Council's member states "are effectively contributing to the Middle East peace process and giving full attention to ensuring the Palestinian people's inalienable rights."

Sheikh Isa urged peoples of the council states to do their best "to strengthen inter-Arab ties and abandon any differences that can obstruct Arab higher goals."

Algeria-Morocco ties on the mend

ALGIERS, April 4 (AP) — Algerian residents in Morocco and Moroccan residents in Algeria will be allowed to travel freely between the two countries beginning Thursday, officials announced Monday. Such residents previously have needed permission from their host country to visit their home country.

The visit of Moroccan Interior Minister Driss Basseri has brought Moroccan-Algerian relations a step closer to normalization seven years after diplomatic ties were severed over the war in the Western Sahara.

In a joint statement at the end of his four-day visit Saturday, Basseri and Algerian Interior Minister Hadi Muhammad Yala said their talks covered "different political, technical and legal measures which should be taken to facilitate the circulation of people and goods and to favor the progressive normalization of relations within a reasonable delay."

Sudan seizes arms cache, arrests two

KHARTOUM, April 4 (AP) — Sudanese security authorities have seized an arms cache and arrested two suspects, apparently in connection with an abortive Libyan-backed coup attempt against the Sudanese government, the Sudan News Agency said Monday.

The agency quoted state security sources as saying the arms, 19 rifles, 13 Soviet-made Kalashnikov submachine guns and some ammunition, were seized on March 27 at a house in Kassala in eastern Sudan.

The source said that preliminary investigations with the two suspects, a taxi driver and a work superintendent, revealed their connection with the alleged coup plan.

Sudanese President Jaafar Numeiri has said the planned date for the coup attempt was Feb. 18, but that the government had uncovered it and seized arms sent from Libya.

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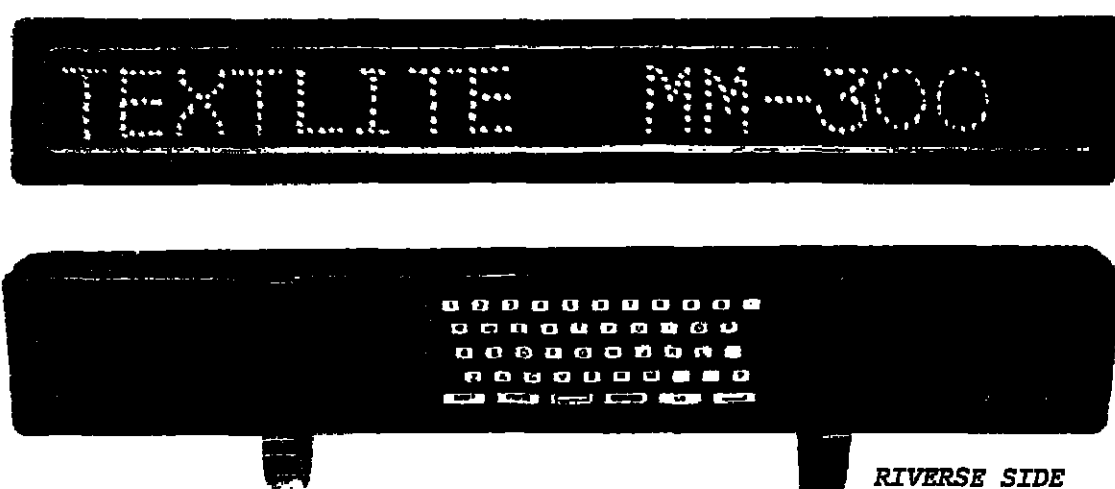
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Afghan fighters deny truce rumors

PESHAWAR, April 4 (AFP) — New reports reaching here dispel rumors that Afghan freedom fighters have made a truce with Soviet and Afghan troops in the Panjshir Valley, a bastion of the Afghan resistance some 100 kilometers north of Kabul, observers said here.

Afghan resistance spokesmen denying the rumors of a ceasefire, said the Soviets abandoned Rokha, their bridgehead in the south of the valley, because it had become increasingly difficult to helicopter-in supplies and Soviet troops suffered constant harassment from freedom fighters.

Western military experts and journalists touring the region in winter had judged it was impregnable.

Resistance commander Masoud in fact had stepped up his anti-Soviet offensive in past weeks, spokesmen for Jamiat Islami, the Panjshir fighters' party, said.

Denying rumors he had halted operations on the Shomali plain, between Panjshir and Kabul, where the large Bagram Air Base is located, they said he was now aiming at the strategic Salang highway, which links the capital to the Soviet Union, on which two bridges

'POW swap talks at critical stage'

TEL AVIV, April 4 (R) — Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky is optimistic that an exchange of prisoners between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) can be worked out, he was quoted as saying.

Kreisky said in an interview that the talks on a prisoner exchange were at a critical stage, the *Dawar* newspaper said. "As long as the mediation effort continues, I am optimistic," it quoted him as saying.

Kreisky's envoy, Herbert Amry, visited the Ansar Prison camp in South Lebanon on Fri-

day, where he received a detailed list of Palestinians still held by Israel and conferred with representatives of the prisoners.

The Israelis captured some 9,000 commandos during last summer's fighting. More than 4,000 have since been released.

As part of any prisoner exchange, Israel is demanding the release of eight Israeli soldiers captured by PLO forces as well as information on other Israeli troops missing and believed captured by Syria.

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BRIEFS

TEHRAN (AFP) — Eight Iranian Air Force technicians were brought before a military court Monday to face charges of participating in the hijacking of a plane and helping former President Abolhassan Banisadr and Mujahadeen Khalq leader Massoud Rajavi to flee the country.

PESHAWAR, Pakistan (AFP) Pakistani authorities have stopped foreigners using the highway linking the Khyber Pass with the Afghan border in an effort to halt heroin smuggling there. Only local residents of the tribal region and Afghan trucks traveling from Kabul are allowed on the road.

BEIRUT (AP) — A military magistrate on Monday booked two Palestinians and seven

Lebanese on a charge of staging last month's grenade attack on U.S. Marine peacekeepers, sources reported.

SAIDA, Lebanon (AFP) — A Shiite religious leader who was released by Israeli occupation authorities after a storm of protest said Monday he had been interrogated by Israeli intelligence officers on his links with Iran. Sheikh Ragheb Harb was released Sunday after 17 days in custody.

CAIRO (AP) — Egypt has rejected the filming of an Israeli movie production here because the script contains what one official called "historical mistakes." Only part of the film "Kumi Lemel in Cairo" to be filmed in Cairo.

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Desperate survivors told to be patient

Relief aid piles up in Colombia

POPAYAN, Colombia, April 4 (Agencies) — Earthquake relief aid from France, Canada, the United States and other countries piled up in warehouses Sunday while a Colombian government agency sold food to desperate survivors.

Tons of medicine, tents, blankets and other items that arrived from abroad were being stored in warehouses under control of military authorities.

The governor of the state of Cauca, Amalia Salazar, told reporters she hoped tents would be distributed before Monday. She had no explanation for delays in distributing foreign relief items that began arriving Friday.

The Colombian radio station network Todelar described the relief effort as chaotic. One group of survivors was seen pounding on the doors of a police station, demanding tents. Another radio network, Caracol, said by nightfall only 168 of the 12,000 tents donated by France and the United States had been set up.

Archbishop Silverio Buitrago of Popayan said in an interview with Caracol that there were incidents of tents being sold to the homeless for \$400 each.

The quake struck this mountain city of 200,000 persons in southern Colombia early Thursday, destroying homes and a crowded cathedral, killing at least 240 persons, injuring hundreds more and leaving three-quarters of the population homeless. The government relief office said 12,000 buildings, including many apartment houses, were destroyed.

Three more bodies found in the rubble of destroyed houses were taken to the city morgue, raising the official toll of recovered bodies to 197.

The government's Market and Agriculture Agency said in reports published in newspapers in Bogota, the capital, that it was giving

away 50 tons of food to the refugees. But in Popayan, the agency was selling the food in the center of town, far from the poor sections.

Officials of the agency were charging the equivalent of \$10 for about five pounds (2.2 kgs) of food, including rice, coffee, sugar, noodles, dried soup and salt. They did not explain why they were charging money for the food.

The Colombian Red Cross began distributing food Saturday afternoon at the city coliseum, next to the San Jose Hospital. One of the men in charge of the operation said there was only enough to feed 2,000 persons and supplies were running out.

Poorer people who spent their third night sleeping on sidewalks and in parks begged passers-by to give them food and water. Health officials say the water supply has been contaminated by broken sewers.

NEW YORK (R) — Thieves using a sledgehammer smashed their way into a wholesale jewelry firm over the weekend and escaped with more than 400 kg of gold chains valued at about \$5 million. Police said Sunday the theft took place sometime between 6 p.m. Friday and 6 p.m. Saturday. Entrance to the store was gained by knocking a hole in the wall from an adjacent building and then breaking into a vault where the gold was kept, they said.

PIBER, Austria (AP) — Of three Lipizaner broodmares receiving interferon against a killer epidemic has given birth to a healthy foal, and all three mares are "doing well," their veterinarian announced. "The newborn foal is healthy," said the veterinarian.

KATMANDU (AFP) — French President Francois Mitterrand is to pay a two-day visit

"I've been going from one place to another, asking these government people for a tent for three days," said Miriam Loudono Sai, brushing away a wisp of blood-matted hair from her forehead.

"We need food. We're thirsty. All they tell me is to be patient or to go to another relief station," she said, crying. She said she had three feverish children who had not eaten for two days.

Meanwhile, valuable religious paintings in Popayan, a Spanish colonial city founded in 1537, were covered with sheets of plastic to protect them from rain and dust. Golden ornaments, sculptures and centuries-old paintings from the devastated cathedral and other churches had already been transferred to vaults of the state bank.

City planning experts from the capital said it would be "utopic" to think of reconstructing Popayan in its 16th century image.

BRIEFS

to Nepal in May at the invitation of King Birendra and Queen Aishwarya, the Nepalese Foreign Ministry announced. According to reliable sources, the French president arrives here on May 2 and leaves for China the next day.

PEKING (AP) — The Taiwan spy master for north China who recruited agents, stole secret documents and transmitted them in invisible ink has been arrested with two accomplices here, the official Xinhua news agency reported Monday. It was the latest and apparently the most important in a series of alleged espionage cases on the mainland.

MERIDA, Venezuela (AP) — Fifteen persons were killed when a bus crashed into a 300-meter ravine during a torrential rainstorm Sunday on a mountain road 80 kilometers from this western city. The surviving 27 passengers were injured, six of them seri-

IRA threatens more attacks

CROSSMAGLEN, Northern Ireland, April 4 (AP) — The Provisional Irish Republican Army warned Sunday it plans to escalate attacks against British security forces in Northern Ireland "with greater ferocity."

The warning was issued by an IRA officer in combat fatigues and dark glasses who appeared during a churchyard ceremony in this flashpoint village near the Irish Republic border to commemorate the ill-fated 1916 Easter rising in Dublin that sparked the guerrilla war that led to independence for the south from Britain in 1921.

British troops and police ringed Crossmaglen, the heart of IRA "bandit country" on the frontier, watched from nearby hills as the guerrilla leader spoke.

ously, according to highway police reports.

DENVER, Colorado (AFP) — Some 2,000 persons were evacuated from a suburb of this western U.S. city Sunday after thousands of gallons of poisonous nitric acid was released into the air when two tank cars collided while being moved in a freight yard. Some 70,000 liters of the gas, which can be fatal and affects the respiratory tract, formed a toxic cloud, local authorities said. Sixteen persons were hospitalized with breathing problems. By the end of the day the cloud had dispersed and residents were allowed to return home.

NEW DELHI (AP) — A boat carrying 38 pilgrims sprang a leak and capsized mid-stream Sunday in the Ganges River near Benares, killing at least 13 passengers, authorities said. Some passengers were reported missing.

Honduran claims U.S. aiding anti-Nicaraguan guerrillas

NEW YORK, April 4 (AP) — A Honduran involved in planning American covert activities says the United States has been giving intelligence assistance and military advice to forces fighting the Sandinista government in Nicaragua, *The New York Times* reported Sunday.

The source told the *Times* that the United States was extensively involved in training and providing arms to the forces that recently entered Nicaragua from Honduras.

The newspaper said the information, supplied in a series of interviews, was confirmed in large part by two senators on the Senate Intelligence Committee and a highly placed Reagan administration official.

The Honduran said the objective of the operation in Nicaragua "is to overthrow" the Sandinistas. The newspaper quoted Reagan administration officials who said the United States' objective in Nicaragua is to harass, not overthrow, the government.

Congress passed a law last year that prohibits U.S. support of efforts to overthrow the Sandinista government. The source said the activities indicated "the pretension is over" that the United States was interested only in harassing the Sandinistas.

The activities the source described would indicate a far greater U.S. involvement in the Nicaraguan conflict than the Reagan administration has publicly acknowledged, the newspaper said.

The covert activities described by the Honduran in interviews with *Times* reporters included:

Informing the insurgent forces about the movement of Nicaraguan government forces and the locations of tanks and artillery.

Training and arming the insurgents. The source said plane loads of arms and ammunition were shipped to Moskito Indian units in

eastern Honduras and more than 50 U.S. military advisers were involved in training.

Providing underwater equipment and explosives to sabotage teams that blew up port installations.

The source said the intelligence information was gathered in part by reconnaissance planes manned by U.S. Air Force personnel that make regular flights above the Nicaraguan-Honduran border.

The CIA and the Pentagon refused comment on the matter, the newspaper said.

On Sunday *Newsweek* magazine said the CIA had spent \$30 million on aid to Honduras-based Nicaraguan exiles.

On the battle front, rebel forces were fighting government troops near the Honduran border Sunday, civilian sources there said. But the military denied any new fighting was taking place.

The sources said Honduran-based troops from the Nicaraguan Democratic Force attacked near the towns of Teotecacinte and Jalapa Saturday afternoon and that the fighting continued Sunday morning.

Basque day celebrated

BILBAO, Spain, April 4 (AP) — The Aberti Eguna or Basque national day was commemorated Sunday with gatherings and meetings organized by nationalist parties in all three Basque provinces in northern Spain.

The only street demonstration was held in Pamplona attended by a crowd which municipal police estimated at 10,000, and organized by Herri Batasuna (people's union), considered as political supporter of the Basque separatist organization ETA.

The two other main Basque parties, the Basque Nationalist Party (PNV) and Euzkadi Ezkerria (Basque left) held meetings in Bilbao, San Sebastian and Vitoria.

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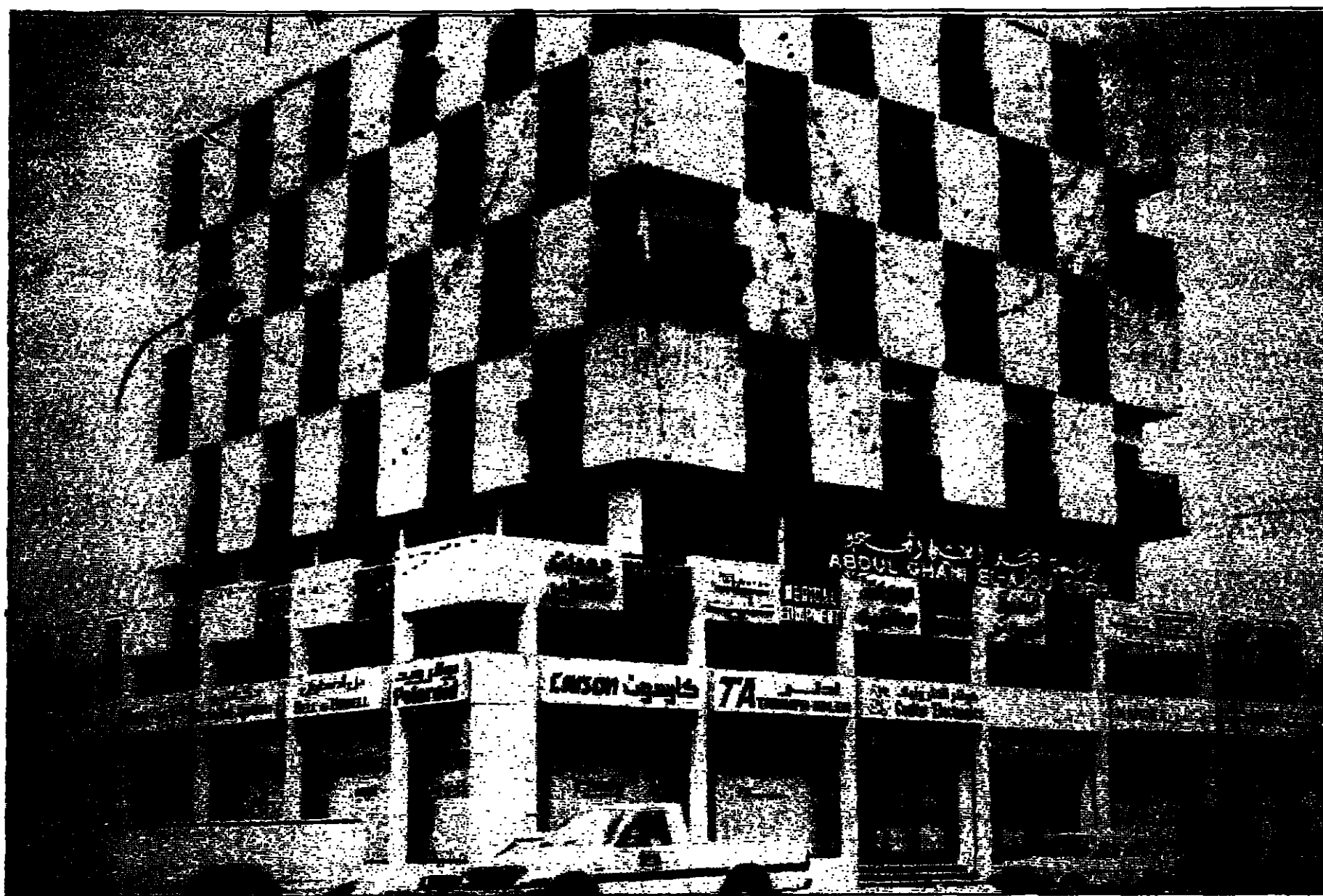
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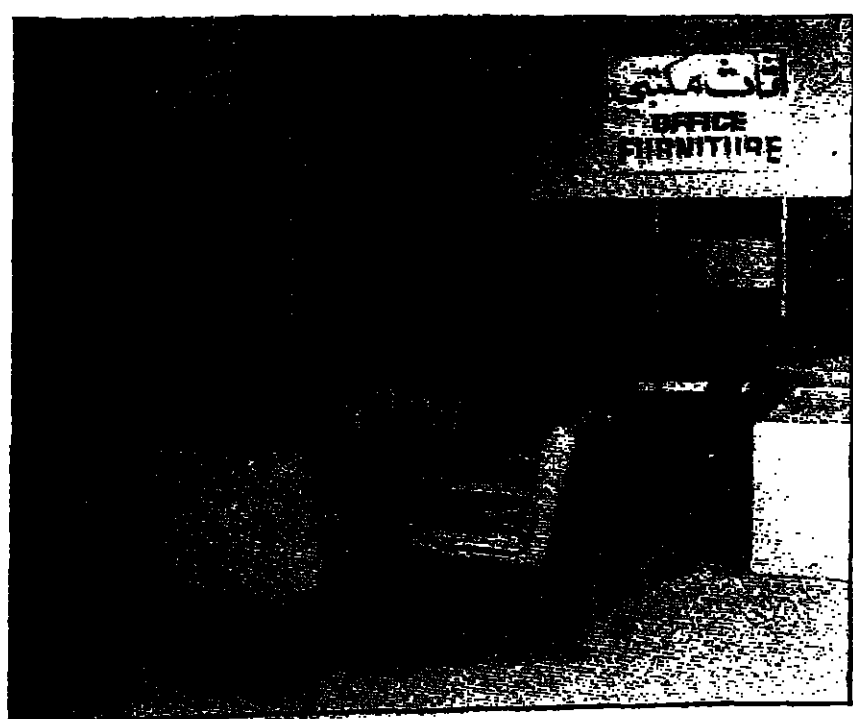
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PEACE MARCHERS

The peace marchers in Western Europe only are doing a service of a sort to their countries and to the overall nuclear debate even if there are no counterparts in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union.

They are drawing attention to the massive investment in nuclear weaponry, the unlimited hazards of a nuclear confrontation and the fact that Europe is loaded with nuclear arms which may one day wipe it out.

At the same time, they are highlighting the tremendous gap between the definitions of freedom on either side of the fence. Those behind the curtain are bound to hear about the marches and the liberties that human beings elsewhere are taking as a matter of right. They are likely to ask themselves questions about their own standing in life. Why can't they emulate others and express themselves freely and fearlessly about various issues which concern them from nuclear debate to free municipal elections. It is not that they are not concerned. It is that they are not allowed to express their concern.

The peace marchers have been unjustifiably vilified by the right-wing press in their countries on the ground that they are playing into Moscow's hands. The Soviet Union, they claim, will benefit from the nuclear backlash and will be strengthened in its negotiations with the United States.

This is scarcely true as neither the U.S. nor the other members of NATO will succumb to the demands of the marchers and permit the Soviet Union to score more than parity with the West.

The marchers are an expression of conscience and could be of immense service to mankind if they also had a counterpart behind the curtain to influence the course of Soviet policy.

Saudi Arabian press review

The proposal to hold an Arab summit and the American decision to withhold the delivery of F-16 planes to Israel were topics of comment in the press Monday.

Al-Yom said Saudi Arabia welcomes the convening of any summit that will unify Arab ranks and create a collective strategy capable of facing challenges threatening the Islamic nation's existence.

Commenting on recent remarks made by Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani in which he welcomed such a meeting at any time or place, it said the Kingdom has spared no efforts to defend Arab causes and safeguard the Arabs' higher interests.

The paper noted that the Kingdom exerts strenuous efforts at all Arab, Islamic and international levels to back Arab issues led by the Lebanese crisis and the Palestine cause. Saudi Arabia has used its full political and economic weight to help the Lebanese people rid themselves of the Zionist occupation and enable the Palestinian people to recover their legitimate rights.

Okaz said the U.S. decision to hold up the delivery of F-16 aircraft to Israel till it starts withdrawing its troops from Lebanon is a clear evidence that Washington is fed up with Israel's intransigent stand on the American-

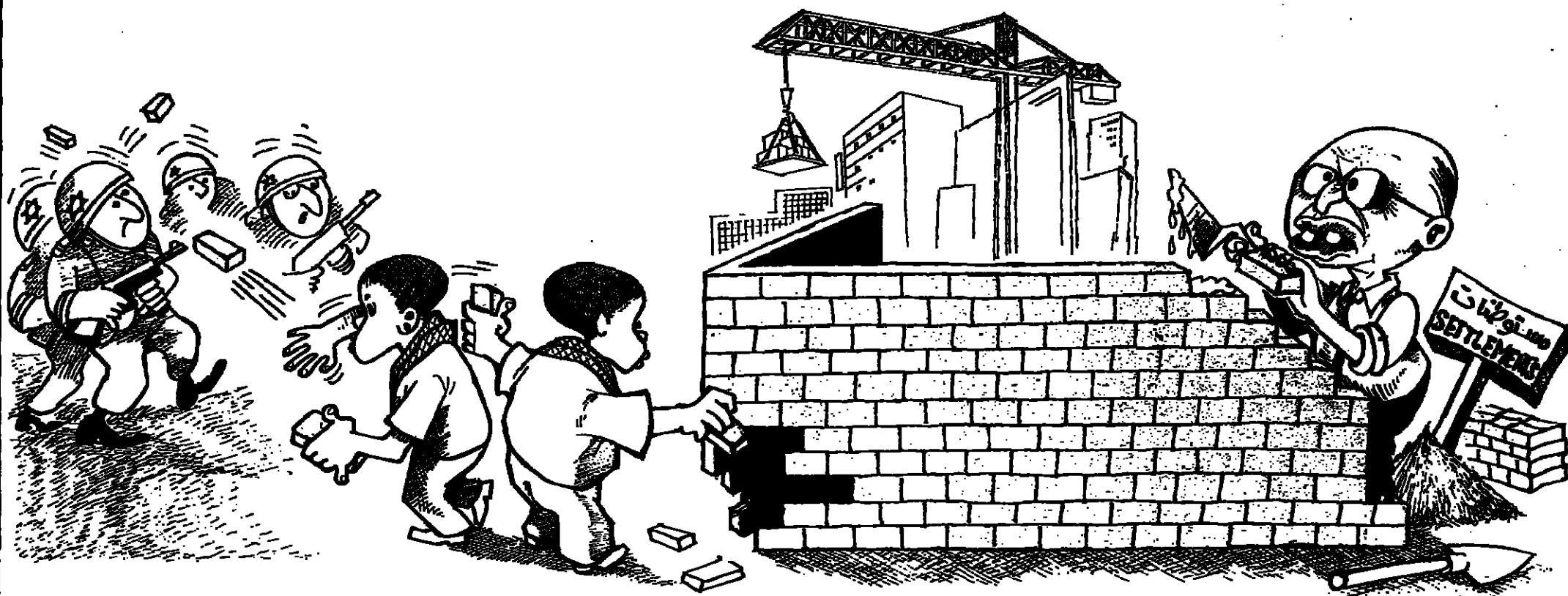
Lebanese-Israeli pullout talks.

Commenting on President Reagan's decision, the paper said the move "demonstrates that Washington has become impatient with Israel's procrastination to end its occupation of Lebanon." "Through such a decision, Reagan wants to prove to King Hussein of Jordan that the U.S. is capable of taking a decisive stand to force Israel to withdraw," the paper said.

The paper said the American move "runs short of filling Jordan's conditions to join the deliberations, namely abandoning the building of Jewish settlements in the occupied West Bank. However, the action is not strong enough to make Israel withdraw from Lebanon since Israel is trying to gain time and play with the card of the coming U.S. presidential elections."

Al-Bilad said the decision came first and foremost to "save U.S. dignity since Israel has undermined all American proposals to pull out from Lebanon."

Al-Riyadh denounced Israeli practices in occupied Arab territory and deplored its "criminal attempts" to poison Palestinian schoolgirls in the West Bank and burn down and raid mosques in the area to oust Arab inhabitants from their own homeland. (SPA)



Canada stands halfway between Arabs and Israelis

By Muhammad Azhar Ali Khan

OTTAWA — Canada believes that for a just peace in the Middle East, "the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people must be realized, including their right to play a full part in negotiations to determine their future and their right to a homeland within a clearly defined territory, the West Bank and Gaza Strip."

This statement of the Ottawa government's policy on the Middle East was made by External Affairs Minister Allan Rock at the Standing Committee of the House of Commons on External Affairs and National Defense. It was repeated by him at the annual conference of the Canada-Israel Committee.

Canada's policy seems to be halfway between the Israeli and the Arab positions. It supports the existence, security and wellbeing of Israel and urges Arabs to "make clear their willingness to live in peace with Israel." Canada also does not see the Palestinian Liberation Organization as the sole representative of the dispossessed people and does not recognize it.

But Canada also opposes Israeli settlements, the Israeli invasion of Lebanon and the continued presence of Israeli and other foreign troops in Lebanon. It maintains contact with the PLO at the official, as opposed to the ministerial, level. In opposing the presence of those foreign troops "whose presence is not sanctioned by the Lebanese government," it makes a distinction between those troops who might be in Lebanon at that country's invitation and

those who are there in defiance of the Lebanese government's wishes.

Canada also supports the Reagan initiative, but does not oppose the creation of a Palestinian state in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, provided such a state recognizes Israel and is willing to live in peace with it.

While these are the broad outlines of Canada's Middle East policy, Canada also accepts immigration from Israel and the Arab countries and is seeking to develop closer relations with both.

MacEachen told the Canadian External Affairs Committee: "Canada supports a just, lasting and comprehensive peace settlement based on Security Council Resolution 242, including the right of all countries to live within secure and recognized boundaries and the requirement for Israeli withdrawal from 'territories occupied' in 1967."

"We support the existence, security and well being of Israel. The Arabs should make clear their willingness to live in peace with Israel."

"We have expressed our opposition to certain Israeli policies and practices. We are deeply concerned over Israeli settlement policy. We regard the establishment of settlements, and other actions Israel has taken to extend its control over the occupied territories, as contrary to international law and extremely unhelpful to the peace process. We would like to see an end to this activity."

MacEachen repeated these statements at the Canada-Israel Committee conference but he touched on other points as well. He repeated his country's fundamental commitment to the Jewish

state's security and expressed delight at the growing ties between the two countries.

In referring to the interchange between Canadians and Israelis, he said "the number has doubled since 1977 and has reached some 40,000 to 50,000 visitors annually in each direction." He continued: "It is good to see that a growing number of parliamentarians is visiting back and forth. In our parliament, a Canada-Israel Parliamentary Friendship Group has been created and a corresponding Israel-Canada Parliamentary Friendship Group has been established in the Israeli Knesset."

He cited the agreements and understandings that now cover trade, agriculture, industrial research, health, cultural relations and film making and said the two countries have developed a tripartite aid project, a joint economic committee, a joint agricultural committee, and an institute to promote cooperative industrial research and development in Canada and Israel.

This was also referred to by the guest speaker at the ninth annual dinner for members of parliament hosted by the Canada-Israeli committee, Yehuda Blum, Israeli ambassador to the U.N. Ambassador Blum said half-jokingly that he had attended the Canadian parliament on arrival in Ottawa but found more Canadian MPs at the Canada-Israel dinner.

While polls show that most Canadians support their country's friendship with Israel some Canadians remain concerned lest Canada should go overboard and lose its sense of balance and justice. Wrote John Walker, the foreign affairs analyst of

the Southern chain of newspapers, in part: "It is interesting that when the subject of Israel comes up, some politicians in Canada still can't avoid thinking about electoral advantage, or to put it bluntly, the Jewish vote."

"This has been particularly noticeable of late among the Tories. Joe Clark, for instance, took his first tumble on the road to occupied Jerusalem, and today it seems there are some of his colleagues who are still on that road."

"With the aid of Robert Stanfield, Clark got his short-lived government out of the Jerusalem embassy pledge and never lasted long enough to pass his anti-Arab-boycott legislation."

"But this week the Tory party's designated speaker at the annual Canada-Israel Committee meeting, Manitoba's Jake Epp, saying his views were 'supported in large measure by many of my caucus colleagues,' told his appreciative audience that legislation ought to be pursued to prohibit compliance by Canadian firms with any Arab boycott of an anti-Jewish nature."

"It might have been hoped that the Tories would have learned by now that such anti-boycott legislation is virtually useless and could encourage a negative reaction in the Middle East to important new Canadian trade prospects in Arab countries."

"The reason, as the Trudeau government discovered when it flirted with such measures in 1978, is that legislation merely hits the small trading firms, like Canada's, but not the big operators which can set up abroad as do American multinationals, untouched by U.S. anti-boycott legislation."

Nicaragua uses rebel issue to highlight 'U.S. meddling'

By Isaac A. Levi

MEXICO CITY — Recent guerrilla attacks by rebels based in Honduras pose no immediate threat to Nicaragua's leftist Sandinista regime, which has the largest and one of the toughest armies in Central America.

But both the Sandinistas and their neighbors are bringing the fighting to the forefront of international debate. Each side has its reasons.

Nicaragua, increasingly isolated by the United States and other Central American countries, has the chance to use the issue of increased attacks to seek sympathetic reaction in the United Nations and elsewhere. The Nicaraguan position is that the United States is behind guerrillas infiltrating the country and it hopes international pressure will either halt the attacks or force dialogue with the Reagan administration.

Rightist-ruled Honduras, El Salvador and Guatemala, along with Costa Rica and, to a lesser extent Panama, fearing expanding civil strife in their own territories and throughout the region, interpret the conflict as a clear signal to the left that the Sandinistas are far less popular than they are made out to be.

Independent verification of the extent of the Nicaraguan fighting was not immediately possible because Nicaraguan authorities barred reporters from the area. Nicaraguan officials claim 275 persons, including 61 soldiers, have died there in recent weeks.

In a debate at the U.N. Security Council last week, Nicaragua again proposed "direct and frank talks" between the Sandinistas and the Reagan administration on their differences, to be held in France, Spain, Mexico, Venezuela or Panama.

But U.S. Ambassador Jeanne J. Kirkpatrick repeated the Reagan administration line that Nicaragua

must first divest itself of Russian and Cuban military ties. "The United States has no questions to discuss with Nicaragua which have in fact been appropriately dealt with at a bilateral level," she said.

Instead, Kirkpatrick suggested regional negotiations between Nicaragua and its neighbors. "If there were to be a conference of all governments who are accused of importing arms into the region, that would be a different conference with some very different composition," she said.

U.S. officials privately say the fighting in Nicaragua is much less intense than what is being reported from the region. They cite frequent attempts to use such incidents for propaganda purposes and to stir up waning support inside the country.

American officials, meanwhile, deny any

involvement in cross-border incursions from Honduras by anti-Sandinista rebels. According to Honduran government officials, an estimated 26,000 Nicaraguans live in exile in Honduras, mostly in squalid camps along the Nicaraguan border. They include 5,000 former officers from Somoza's national guard as well as 15,000 others who fled their Caribbean coast homelands last year because they could not adjust to leftist rule.

Sandinista estimates of the number of rebels vary between 1,200 and 5,000. The Nicaraguan Democratic Force, one of two rebel groups which includes officers once loyal to Somoza, claims there are 10,000. A second group, the Democratic Revolutionary Alliance, mostly made up of disengaged Sandinistas, says it has no combatants.

However, in an interview with the Associated Press in Costa Rica last week, Alfonso Obelo, an alliance leader and former member of the Sandinista government, said the fighting does not yet pose a danger to Sandinista rule.

The Sandinista government has denied this. It says the Reagan administration is trying to overthrow the ruling three-man junta by secretly helping anti-Sandinista exiles in Honduras mount their raids inside Nicaragua. (AP)

Greens spurn conventional Bundestag rules

Tony Catterall

COLOGNE — The atmosphere of a gentlemen's club which pervades most parliaments has been decidedly changed in West Germany by the entry to the Bundestag of the radical ecologists, the Greens.

It is traditional for party leaders to congratulate the new chancellor once he has been confirmed in office by a Bundestag vote. But there was no Green handshake for Helmut Kohl, "whose policies put the existence of our people at risk." They also boycotted the ceremony during which the new cabinet was sworn in, saying this center-right government was making a mockery of the cabinet ministers' oath to protect the people.

The politicians have run parliament by their own rules for so long that they cannot understand how

irrelevant the formalities seem to outsiders. Many older MPs were scandalized when the Green members entered the chamber wearing jeans, pullovers and leather jackets — with only a few of the men wearing neckties. Most of the 27 Greens were carrying a flowerpot containing a pine tree seedling, each of which had "forced its way up through asphalt."

But actions such as this do not help in trying to get the other parties to take them seriously in a constructive way. On the one hand the Greens are dismissed as being of no account when it comes to "real" politics; on the other hand — and more tellingly — efforts are being made to deny them full participation in the workings of parliament.

It started immediately after the election March 6. When the new MPs arrived at the Bundestag House, the Greens found there were no rooms

available for them because, according to those responsible, "we didn't think you'd be elected" — despite their consistently good showing in the public opinion polls. They are still not adequately housed, because outgoing MPs had until Monday to vacate their offices — and they took their time over it.

Shortly afterward, the speaker of the house tried to deny them recognition as a parliamentary party, on the grounds that two of their MPs are not paid-up members of the broader Green Party. This would have been a serious blow as only parties are entitled to state financial support for the workings of their parliamentary group, and membership of Bundestag committees. It was eventually resolved, but it was not the end of the harassment. Traditionally, a deputy speaker is elected from each of the parties represented, but the thought of such a high office being occupied by someone who was not prepared to abide by the unwritten dress code was too much for the other MPs when parliament opened Tuesday.

The Greens took their revenge by delaying the formal election of Helmut Kohl as chancellor with a whole string of procedural motions.

The strife will continue when the time comes to decide on what parliamentary committees will be established, and their membership. The Greens want committees set up on disarmament, the environment and women's questions, and here they will probably get the support of the opposition Social Democrats. But they also want representation on the defense committee, and that will be a different matter, as they are pledged to open government: the people should have the right to know about such things as planned sites for missile bases, they say. The established parties disagree, and the Greens have been told they "will have to abide by the normal rules of confidentiality" if they want posts in such sensitive areas.

A very few have suggested the established parties are using the wrong tactics — that the best way to neutralize the threat is to co-opt it, and bring the Greens fully into the club. However, given the party's stance of "fundamental opposition," it is doubtful if this would work. At best it could only ease the strains. (LOS)

Sayings of the past week

The rebels are trying to create an image of civil war in Nicaragua, but they have not taken a single town or village. They have not even taken a cup of coffee. — Tomas Borge, Nicaraguan interior minister.

If you increase the Soviets' fear past the saturation point, then they might strike. The security of the United States cannot be guaranteed unless we also guarantee the security of the Soviet Union. — Robert Bowman, President of the U.S. Institute for Space and Security Studies.

I would swap with you any time. — Princess of Wales, to the wife of an Australian army officer. It is not an area one likes. I didn't find any attraction to it in any way. — Sir Ranulph Fiennes, British explorer, on the North Pole.

You cannot get me to sit here and defend what has happened under the judicial system in El Salvador. I won't do it. If they don't clean up their act, the support here is going to dry up. — George Shultz, U.S. Secretary of State.

It always makes good copy to predict that the Community will collapse. Well, the Community is

not going to collapse, and the EMS did not collapse.

— Sir Roy Denman, EEC representative to the U.S. They are more than a religious sect. They are almost a race and almost a nation. — Lord Justice Templeman, on the Sikhs.

The American people fought the British colonial power but the Reagan administration does not want us to fight for our freedom. This is a betrayal of American values and American history. — Sam Nujoma, leader of the South West Africa People's Association (SWAPO).

If I were a painter, I would paint like Bosch — the world in images with an absence of perspective, indeed as it is seen by a child. Human beings which are monsters, and monsters which are enormously human. — Jerzy Kosinski, U.S. novelist.

ZANU won the country through the barrel of a gun and it will use the gun to destroy dissidents and safeguard the country's independence. — Robert Mugabe, prime minister of Zimbabwe.

Iron entered my soul. You need a touch of steel to put through the things you believe in. Otherwise you'd be just like India rubber and turn anyway. — Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. (LOS)



Today is Tuesday, April 5, the 95th day of 1983. There are 270 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1664 — Peace treaty of Westminster ends first Anglo-Dutch War.

1794 — French revolutionaries G.J. Danton and Camille Desmoulins are executed.

1881 — Britain concludes treaty of Pretoria with Boers, recognizing independence of South African Republic of Transvaal.

1906 — Count Friedrich Holstein's dismissal by King William II ends fear of German war with France over Morocco.

1946 — Soviet Union agrees to withdraw troops from Iran on promise of reforms in Azerbaijan.

1951 — Julius and Ethel Rosenberg of New York City are sentenced to death as atomic spies for Soviet Union.

1955 — Britain's Prime Minister Winston Churchill resigns, is succeeded by Anthony Eden.

1958 — Fidel Castro begins "total war" against Batista government in Cuba.

1969 — Four-man British expedition reaches North Pole after 14-month, 2,092-km trek by dog sled.

1980 — Iran's President Bani-Sadr calls on Egyptians to overthrow President Anwar Sadat for granting asylum to deposed Shah of Iran.

1982 — U.S. President Ronald Reagan announces plans to address a U.N. disarmament conference in New York, and urges Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev to join him.

Thought for today:
The greater the difficulty, the greater the glory — Cicero, Roman statesman-philosopher (106 B.C.-43 B.C.).

سكزات الاسبوع

Nearly 100,000 refugees in border areas

Guatemala fueling Mexico's social crisis

By John Carlin
and Gail Seekamp

MEXICO CITY (LOS) — Almost every day in Mexico some member of the government, President Miguel de la Madrid included, makes a rousing declaration along the lines of: "Mexico is strong enough and resolute enough to overcome its crisis. There is no risk of a social explosion."

Declarations of this type have become rather more shrill now in the wake of alarming pronouncements from the White House on Mexico's political future. President Reagan, Secretary of State George Shultz and the U.S. government's supreme on Latin American affairs, Thomas Enders, have all been guilty of talking up a mood of impending political disaster.

The White House proposal to increase military aid to El Salvador to \$110 million this year has been justified, above all, on the assumption that "if Central America falls to Communism, Mexico will follow."

But Reagan is wrong to make this simple analogy between Mexico and Central America. He makes the error of assuming geographical proximity must imply a similarity in political terrain.

Mexico has the most stable political system in Latin America. Its constitutional processes have not been tampered with in more than half a century. And while social conditions are as unjust in Mexico as anywhere in Latin America, the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI) has not lost a general election since its formation in 1929. With a shrewd understanding of the national psychology, the PRI has prevented private outrage over the country's economic failures from coalescing into mass expressions of discontent.

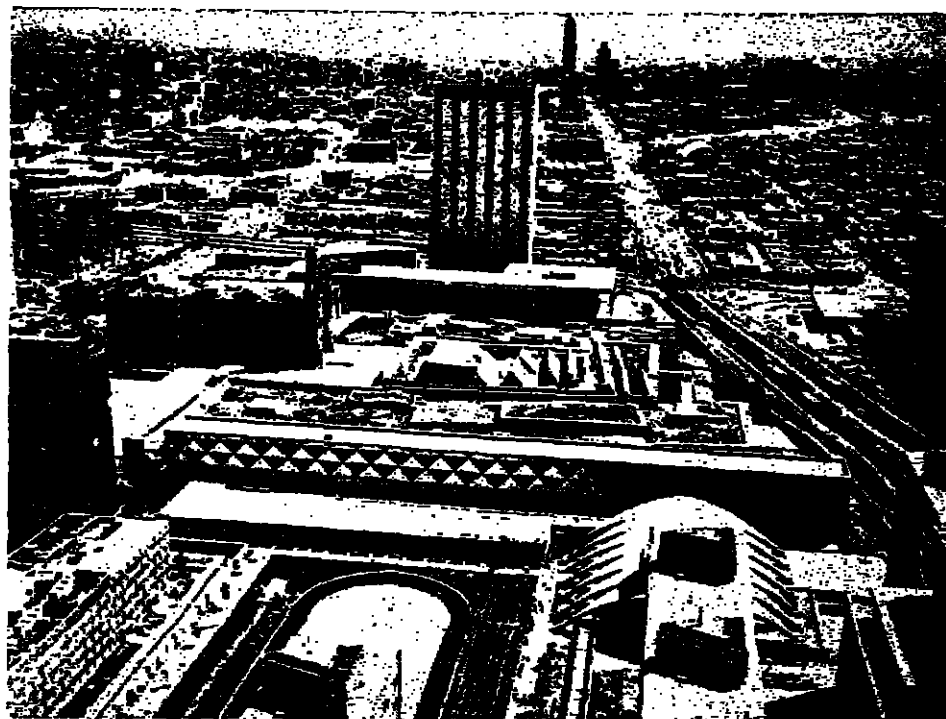
Nonetheless, Mexico's political environment has undergone a radical change as a result of falling oil prices. Stability has always been founded on a basis of sustained economic growth. Never before has Mexico encountered an economic crisis remotely like the present one.

Against a background of massive foreign debt, Mexicans daily see 100 percent inflation carrying prices way above wages, which remain firmly checked by the government's adherence to an IMF-imposed economic program.

The ingredients for a social uprising do, then, exist but one leading political observer, while not entirely dismissing the possibility, believes such a turn of events to be unlikely in the short term.

The PRI maintains a firm grip on the political system and the established opposition parties, have no ambitions beyond gaining a firmer foothold within that system.

"Tiger does not exist as yet an organized group capable of channeling the frustrations and discontent of the people into an open, or even violent, political force," the observer



VIEW: An aerial view of Mexico City. The skyscraper building (center, background) houses the Foreign Ministry.

said. But what if oil prices continue to fall? Mexico, the world's fourth largest producer, depends on oil for 70 percent of its foreign earnings. For each dollar drop in the price of a barrel of oil, it loses \$500 million.

The government is pinning its hopes on a fall in world interest rates to accompany the drop in the international price of oil. Glibly perhaps, it is expressing confidence that any loss in oil revenue will be more than compensated by a \$700 million saving on each percentage point that interest rates fall.

However, should the predictions of many oil experts be fulfilled and the barrel price tumble by \$10 this year, there would remain little cause for optimism. Certainly, a \$5 billion loan recently secured would be rendered ineffective as a means of propping up the economy.

"A drop of \$10 would be a disaster," the observer said. "The only option left would be for the United States to step in with a multibillion-dollar infusion of aid. The alternative would be social and political disorder on their southern border."

According to influential Mexicans both in and out of the government, the domino theory has been applied in a somewhat facile manner to Mexico. It is on the rise or fall of the international price of oil and not on the "Soviet menace" that continued stability depends.

But evoking visions of the Soviet Union preparing for the final offensive along the United States' southern border has been

President Reagan's means of attempting to win popular support both for an increase in aid to El Salvador's right-wing government and for his decision earlier this year to renew military aid to the savage, zealously anti-Communist regime of President Efraim Rios Montt in Guatemala. And right now Mexico is facing an immigration crisis in the shape of thousands of impoverished Guatemalan refugees fleeing a murderous "pacification" campaign led by Montt. An Amnesty International report released in 1982 estimated that 2,600 Indians were exterminated during Montt's first five months in power.

At least 40 rudimentary camps have been set up in Chiapas State, southern Mexico, which hugs the Guatemalan border. Pierre Jambour, U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees representative calculated there are over 35,000 fugitives in the border area while private relief organizations say the real figure is closer to 100,000.

A spokesman for the Guatemalan village of San Juan Michoan, now living in Chajul, deep in the Chiapas jungle described how the army visited the village three times in 1982, murdering peasants and destroying property. He could offer no explanation for the attack.

Terrified by this inexplicable violence, the survivors fled to Mexico. Some managed to salvage a few possessions, in other cases even children were left behind. Julio, also living in Chajul, said his group of 200 persons "got very sick" during their eight-day walk. "We ate what we found" he explained, chiefly fruits and grasses.

The campesinos who lived nearer the border were more fortunate. Many had worked in Mexico as casual laborers in the coffee season and knew where to find help. The 400 or so refugees at Tziscoa, a camp in the Montebello region, have virtually been absorbed by their host community.

Most of the refugees live in crude wooden huts and eke out a precarious existence on irregular deliveries of aid. Pierre Jambour stresses that many camps are accessible only by plane and launch but the occupants of Tziscoa, whose camp is a mere two-hour drive from the local headquarters of COMAR, the government-run relief body, claim that they receive official aid only once a month.

Sister Maria del Carmen, one of a team of three nuns working permanently at Chajul describes the diet as "beans, maize; maize, beans." She calculates that 75 percent of the refugees at Chajul suffer from malnutrition but admits that the earliest arrivals are slowly building up strength. Spokesmen at the camp assembly could only recall one delivery of sugar, oil and vegetables in the previous six months.

COMAR, which funnels cash from the U.N. to the refugees, is opposed to the many independent philanthropists working in Chiapas. "Everybody wants their own refugees" complained Luis Ortiz Monasterio, head of COMAR in Mexico City. The government was prepared to accept the refugees, document them and give them enough food and medicine to help them survive, he added.

Public opinion in Mexico is opposed to spending too much money on refugees as the fact that they are refugees doesn't entitle them to better living standards than the peasants in Chiapas state, who are both poor and notoriously militant.

While the Mexican government is no longer trying to shirk the burden of its impoverished guests, it does not want them to take root and cause problems in the future. Chiapas is potentially an explosive area; clashes between land-hungry peasants and large landowners are frequent and bloody, the state has valuable oil reserves whose exploitation has created economic distortions, and most serious of all, Guatemala has proved to be a very fractious neighbor and has repeatedly violated the border and murdered both the refugees and Mexican officials. The last thing the government wants in Chiapas is a hotbed of social revolution.

The problem grows as each group of refugees crosses the border. The government has reversed its policy of allowing them to move further inland, which will successfully prevent their integration but multiply the problems of those who are trying to feed them.

The refugees are grateful for the help but will they stay happy on a perpetual diet of beans and maize? Those who haven't yet been politicized by violence may be politicized by hunger.

Japanese fight rising wave of classroom violence

By Rod O'Brien

TOKYO (Depts) — Japan's Education Ministry has organized a special task force to investigate the widespread classroom violence in the country.

Last year, the violence flared at 974 schools, mostly at the junior high school level, and resulted in 1,162 teachers being attacked by students armed with steel pipes and other hand-held weapons of mayhem.

Most of those who mounted the attacks on mentors were children 14-15 years old. National police records show that 42.9 percent of juvenile crime committed in Japan in 1981 was perpetrated by minors.

Students of such an age bracket attend the compulsory grades. They cannot enter high school proper without undergoing rigid examinations. The pressure for the students to pass, as reflected by parental expectations, is therefore heavy.

The kind of pressure exerted by the examinations on the students is reflected by police figures on youthful suicides (because they failed to pass) and the violence committed against persons in authority, mainly the teachers.

The violence wave engulfing the classroom has perplexed both the political, parental and educational circles of the country. They are at a loss on the reasons behind it and what kind of remedial measures to take. Hence the task force of the Education Ministry.

Even Education Minister Mitsuo Setoyama, barely four months on the job, seems fazed by the problem. He appears to have added to it by observing that the hooliganism in the schools could be attributed to policies adopted by the American occupation government following Japan's surrender in the World War II.

He was reported to have described such U.S. policies as aimed at obliterating Japan's prewar moral values, traditions and customs. His observation raised a storm.

The main response triggered by the education minister's remarks is that the policies of the 1950s have little, if any, bearing on the violence problems of Japan today.

Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone, presently trying to repair a nosediving popularity image, has seized on the problem by announcing that his administration would tackle it as one of the pressing domestic issues.

Attempts to explain the problem have been neither easy nor convincing. The earlier theory that offenders were from poverty-stricken families no longer hold true since majority of those behind the classroom violence come from homes that are respectable and financially well above the average.

A government white paper states that in 1981, police hauled in a total of 303,915 juvenile offenders, the highest in history. The arrest rate computed at five times that of adults except where traffic offenses are involved.

Main juvenile crimes listed in the paper are burglary and robbery at 78.1 percent with violence and murder showing an upward climb after a dip in 1980. Arrests in connection with molestation involving juveniles are

three times the adult rate and girls now participate in 19 percent of all juvenile crimes.

In drugs abuse, police reported that freely used by both girl and boy offenders are what are called soft drugs and paint thinners.

As much as 40 percent of violence in the homes involved teenagers with the mother as the victim in 62 percent of the cases reported to the police. In one incident of campus violence July of last year, the teachers tried but failed to stop a clash between two warring groups of schoolboys. One of the combatants, a 13-year-old, was killed. He was hit on the head and his neck bore traces of being strangled, according to the police.

Earlier in March, a desperate school headmaster committed suicide by taking poison. He left a note which said he deeply regretted inability to stem the tide of violence that engulfed his school.

Mounting public concern about the anarchy in the schools has resulted in calls for the police to conduct tighter patrolling of both junior and senior high schools. A flareup was feared in March due to the onset of the

graduation season where youthful exuberance could lead to unwanted incidents.

Not all of the teachers violently attacked by the students took it without retaliating. Last February, a 38-year-old mentor, already the victim of several attacks, had a wire door mat flung at him by a student. Many were surprised when the teacher came back at the boy with a small knife. The student required 10 days in the hospital.

The teacher has since offered his resignation. He said he had become very "nervous" while in school because fellow teachers failed to come to his aid on the previous occasions when he was the victim of attack.

In another outbreak recorded by the police, a group of 14 to 16-year-olds, some of whom were looking for jobs, were arrested for attacking vagrants in Yokohama. The youths were believed "practising" for a gang war when they pounced upon the vagrants who were asleep in the parks and underground malls.

One of the victims, Taizo Sudo, 60, was dragged about in a waste can where his attack-

ers dumped him after beating him up. He died later in the hospital due to internal injuries suffered. Instead of prosecuting the hooligans, the family court committed 10 of the boys to juvenile homes.

At least one official at the prosecutor's office believes that the wave of youthful violence in Yokohama could have been prevented had the schools, families, police and regional communities cooperated in taking adequate preventive measures.

According to Shinsaku Nojima, a teacher at a junior high school in Tokyo, today's environment is no longer fit for children to grow in a healthy way. He says the Japanese people have turned toward money and material things and away from spiritual values.

Even when both parents are concerned about their children, the spiritual environment and degree of love in the family are often lacking. Nojima cites as an extreme example the case of a parent in Nagoya who spent money to encourage his son to become a doctor. When the student failed in the medical examinations, the parent sued in court and demanded \$191,693 in compensation.

Nojima says parents spend a lot of money to send their children to better junior and senior high schools and universities, not out of any love for their children but because they seek rewards. "This is no way to educate a child," he adds.

Professor Yasumasa Tanaka at Gakushuin University in Tokyo observes that rapid urbanization of Japan is taking a toll in the overall sense of values which distinguished the people in prewar times. He notes there is a shifting away from moral standards and values to knowledge-intensive goals.

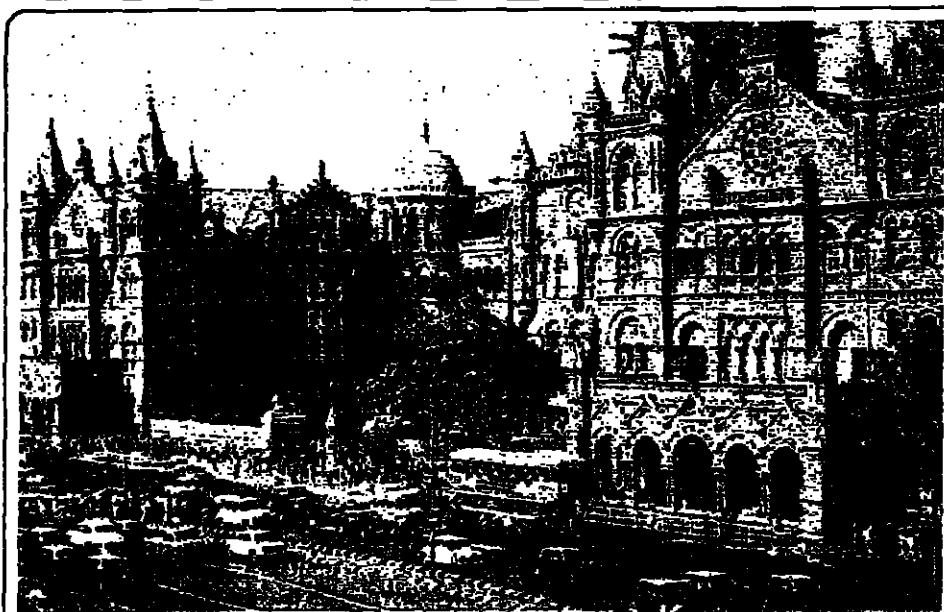
Along with such a development, the Japanese society with its history of the extended family faces what Professor Tanaka calls "unexpected disintegration" — arrival of the nuclear family.

He believes that democratization of Japan has inflicted both positive and negative results. It has introduced the concept of equality which he regards as a good thing since it is the base of the democratic structure. However, he argues that the Japanese concept of equality has "gone too far". It has led to changes in relationship between elders and youngsters, students and teachers, and has led to a weakening of authority.

At the same time, Professor Tanaka says there has been a lack of communication between the children and their parents. Fathers have been distracted by the postwar economic miracle and now that mothers also work, there is even less communication between the young and adults.

Latest public surveys show that parents expect teachers of primary school students to stress responsibility, public duty, basic good manners and conduct, and individual independence to attain a useful place in society.

In a poll conducted by the prime minister's office — involving 5,000 citizens who constituted a national sample — it was found that more than half of parents of primary, junior and senior high school students want the teachers to inculcate good manners in the youngsters.



VICTORIA TERMINUS: Gothic buildings add to the attraction of Bombay described as the "pearl of the Arabian Sea." On the right is the Victoria Terminus, the principal commuter station of the city.

Bombay gets a facelift with American accent

By Robert Fraga
Special to Arab News

BOMBAY — Visitors to this city of 8 million will find it changed, or so the Municipal Corporation hopes. An American urban design consultant, Alan Voorhes, was recently invited to inspect the city, and one of the firm's recommendations, to convert a main business thoroughfare into something like a pedestrian mall, has now been implemented.

The street selected, the Dadabhai Naoroji Road — known to local residents as D.N. Road and described to foreigners sometimes as the Fifth Avenue of Bombay — stretches south from Victoria Terminus (V.T.) the city's principal commuter station, to a roundabout called Flora Fountain.

D.N. Road had become the favorite haunt of hawkers who would spread their wares on stalls propped against the facades of some of Bombay's most ornate Indo-Gothic structures or directly onto the footpaths which run past these buildings. The result was a nightmare for pedestrians, particularly those streaming out of the V.T. at a rush hour rate of 400 per minute. Strollers often had to take to the pavement to fight their way, block by block, between the buses, taxis, and private cars whose own progress along the street slowed to a crawl. All this has now changed.

Starting on the night of Feb. 9-10, 120 policemen — some of them helmeted like soldiers and armed with lathis — swooped down on the stalls abandoned by the hawkers. Led by a ward official who identified himself as Pinto, the police methodically broke stalls free of their moorings and hauled them off to a line of idling vans. Merchandise which had been stowed away in locked boxes, behind the porches and shrubbery of the V.T., was similarly carried off to a municipal depot where the confiscated goods were to stay for three days; if owners failed to claim their goods within that time, they were disposed of.

The police sweep continued into the early hours of the morning with relatively little interference from the hawkers, who had been warned months before to clear the pavement or face the consequences. Oppos-

ition to the sweep was limited to a brief outbreak of violence toward 2 o'clock in the morning when a band of dispossessed hawkers tipped over a row of steel drums posted down the middle of D.N. Road as a temporary routing device for motorists. A few traffic lights were also damaged but shops in the neighborhood were spared.

Bombay hawkers have their own union which secured a high court injunction against police confiscation of stalls and goods on the west side of D.N. Road. Consequently the midnight swoop of Feb. 9-10 was restricted to the east side of the pavement. Nonetheless, a stroll down the street the following morning revealed no hawker activity of any sort from V.T. south to Flora Fountain. For the first time in many years, pedestrians could walk freely without having to pick their way through the combs and Byrons that used to litter the pavement or squeeze between jerry-built display shelves crammed with contraband stereo sets and shampoos.

The question in everyone's mind, of course, was how long it would all last. By one estimate, 2,000 hawkers had been displaced by the operation. Promises to allow them to set up elsewhere met with disdain if not categorical rejection: a hawker's livelihood pretty much requires him to be underfoot, not shunted off to some remote lot where his chances of selling airmail envelopes are virtually nil.

Pinto said that, given the right kind of public and municipal support, he "could clean up this city in a week"; but even he recalled that a previous attempt to remove a small colony of lepers from his ward to a state hospital had ended in failure.

What drives people to Bombay is money, even minuscule amounts of money. Until alternative means of support can be provided, there is likely to be no lasting solution to the problem of hawkers and beggars in the city. There can be, however, temporary relief or a reshuffling of nuisances like the D.N. Road renewal project, during which Bombay walks can at least enjoy the uncluttered arcades of this majestic street. Urban design has returned to India, a country in which the concept has ancient roots, this time with an American accent.

Superpower rivalry caused by lack of mutual contacts

By Jeremy J. Stone

WASHINGTON (WP) — The Soviet Union is the overriding consideration in all the great issues of national security that face the United States. The Soviet Union has been open to foreign travel since 1956. But the overwhelming majority of American political leaders, particularly members of Congress, has never visited the Soviet Union.

By the same token, only about 20 percent of the Soviet Politburo, and a smaller fraction of the Communist Party's central committee members have ever seen America. During the last quarter of a century, each superpower has spent between \$5 trillion and \$10 trillion on defense, most of it to prepare for war against the other — approximately \$30,000 for every citizen of both countries. You'd think they might have spent a little of this money on travel, if only to get a first-hand impression of the "enemy" that justifies all this spending — and weaponry.

This failure to even see — let alone know — the enemy has bothered some Americans for a long time. As long ago as 1970, the Senate passed a bill intended to encourage more visits in both directions, but the Nixon administration killed the legislation in the house. Even after President Nixon himself had visited both Moscow and Peking, his administration took the position that it was encouraging only "scientists, sportsmen, tourists, artists and other non-political persons" to travel to the Soviet Union.

Why not the political persons? Perhaps because, on both sides, the highest leadership looks with some hesitation on increased involvement in foreign affairs of their colleagues, political peers and subordinates. Knowledge can be a complicating thing.

The effect of such travel would be salutary. For Americans, I am convinced the net effect of travel to the Soviet Union can be summarized in the aphorism "trust them less, fear them less."

For hundreds of years, Western intellectuals have been disillusioned by the intellectual suffocation of Russian life. Western observers feel themselves, as one U.S. ambassador put it, "in a profoundly different and strange civilization."

This is what produced those famous reveals of position of Nicholas Decustine in 1839 "I do not blame the Russians for being what

they are, I blame them for pretending to be what we are," and Andre Gide in 1937 "In the USSR everybody knows beforehand, once and for all, that on any and every subject there can be only one opinion."

In 1948, a Soviet official told John Steinbeck: "We are very tired of people who come here and are violently pro-Russian, and who go back to the United States and become violently anti-Russian. We have had considerable experience with that kind."

On the other hand, the Russians' fear of war, and the weaknesses of Soviet society, have tended to tranquilize those visitors most alarmed about Russian aggressiveness. Few visitors return from Russia thinking them "10 feet tall" or capable of superbly timed feats of technological attack. Russia is not Japan — a fact that is obvious when you are there, but which many of American leaders seem unable to appreciate from afar.

But those who do see the Russians up close seem to get the message. After a 1958 trip to Moscow, Sen. John Stennis, Democrat, Mississippi, reported: "Frankly I was not prepared for what I saw." He doubted that "Russia now plans a direct military attack upon us."

In 1974, Sen. William Roth, Republican, Delaware, found a weak USSR. "If the current economic condition of the Soviet Union is any indication, communism is a highly inefficient system."

And there is much in the crawl of each side that can only be understood by seeing it. For example, would you believe there is a museum in Moscow devoted to the American attack on Russia? You may wonder, as one senator did in hearings on the travel issue, "and have we ever attacked them?" Indeed Americans have — and the Russians will remember the Allied expeditionary force in 1917, which they consider an attempt to "strangle Bolshevism in its cradle."

The Federation of American Scientists is now trying to convince more senators and more Soviet officials to visit the other superpower. But in the last 25 years, only about 24 Senators have bothered to go to the Soviet Union just to look around. (Another 70 have made more formal visits for official purposes.) Of the 100 men and women now serving in the Senate, 58 have not visited the Soviet Union. Of 435 House members, 77 percent have never been to Russia.



MIGRAINE PREVENTION

By Peter J. Steinbohn M.D., F.A.C.P.

Dear Dr. Steinbohn: For years, I suffered needlessly from headaches. I thought they were tension headaches. I took aspirin and found little relief. At last, I went to a headache specialist. He made a diagnosis of migraine. It's a long story. Now, I'm practically free from headaches. When they do appear, special pills make them disappear early. Many patients do not realize they have migraine. — Mrs. L.

Dear Mrs. L.: Readers will find at least a few of my columns every year on migraine headaches. For those who missed previous discussions, here are some interesting points:

One estimate is that in America alone 8 to 12 percent of people suffer from migraine headaches. Not being "ordinary" headaches, they are not relieved by aspirin. In many instances, there's a hereditary tendency.

What type of person is most vulnerable? According to allergist Claude A. Fraizer, M.D. of Asheville, N.C., "Migraine occurs most frequently in ambitious, capable achievers for whom nothing is too much trouble and who will spare nothing, including themselves, to get what they want."

In producing the attack, arteries in the head first constrict, then they dilate. As the arteries stretch, they create pain in the adjacent nerve endings. What sets off an attack? There may be several reasons: fatigue, emotional stress, hormone imbalance, reaction to stress. Attacks occur from one to three times monthly. Usually, they begin in the morning, at first generalized, and then becomes a pounding ache localized on one side. The attack may be triggered by eggs, wheat, fish, garlic, milk, chocolate, corn or cinnamon. Aged cheese like cheddar is another culprit. It's the tyramine which precipitates the migraine. This is also found in chicken livers and pickled herring. Some patients learn to avoid monosodium glutamate: also cured meats such as bacon, ham and salami. Your doctor will prescribe proper medication. He may also suggest biofeedback which may avert attacks.

MEDICALETTES

(Replies to and from readers):

For Mrs. Z.: Problems with aged parents are universal. Six percent of Americans between the ages of 75-84, and 20 percent of those older than 85 years are institutionalized for mental problems. Fortunately, in some of these patients, brain damage due to Alzheimer's disease is not present. Symptoms may be due to dietary deficiency, depression or to overmedication. Many of these patients can be helped by anti-depressant drugs. Common symptoms of dementia in the elderly are loss of memory, violent reactions to stress, waking at night, hiding things, hallucinations and delusion. I repeat, it's important for your doctor (with help of consultation) to determine whether or not your father's condition is reversible or irreversible.

(Tomorrow: "Electric shock" (?) treatments)

Exports fell by 5.3%**West's trade declined in 1982, IMF says**

WASHINGTON, April 4 (Agencies) — Foreign trade of the world's industrialized nations declined for the second year in a row in 1982, reflecting a worldwide recession, the International Monetary Fund has reported.

Exports of these countries totaled \$1.16 trillion, 5.3 percent less than in 1981. Imports totaled \$1.22 trillion, a decline of 6.1 percent.

The United States experienced the sharpest decline in exports, 9.2 percent, followed by France, 9.1 percent, Japan, 8.2 percent, and Britain, 6 percent.

West Germany's exports held relatively stable, however, increasing by 0.2 percent.

The export earnings of the oil-producing countries dropped 19.9 percent in 1982. Japan had the biggest drop in imports, 8 percent, followed by the United States, 6.8 percent, West Germany, 5.2 percent, France, 4.3 percent, and Britain, 2.3 percent.

The fund also reported that the rate of consumer price increases in the industrialized countries dropped last February for the eighth month in a row.

Meanwhile, the U.S. economic recovery, on which the industrialized world depends to get out of recession, scored fresh gains in March, signaling a new phase of economic expansion, according to a monthly index compiled by the Association of Purchasing Agents.

The index — generally viewed as a reliable indicator of short-term economic trends and based on information from purchasing agents of 250 major U.S. corporations — scored 54.7 percent in March, compared with 37.4 percent in March, 1982.

It showed new orders last month at their highest level since May, 1977. A rise in new orders usually precedes an increase in production by a month or two.

Stock levels continued to decline, but the decrease was the smallest in the past year and a half.

The employment picture was found to be "more encouraging." Although more purchasing agents still reported having fired workers versus hiring them last month, the increase had shrunk to 3 percent.

France draws plan to meet holiday rush

PARIS, April 4 (AFP) — The secretary of state for tourism, Roland Carraz, has been trying to figure out how French holiday resorts would deal with an estimated extra 1.3 million people expected to stay here instead of travel abroad because of stringent currency restrictions.

He told newsmen over the weekend that he planned a three-pronged "destination France" project to advise French holidaymakers where to go and also to increase the country's tourist capacity.

Figures showed that 16 percent of France's 52 million inhabitants annually took their holidays abroad, but about 1.3 million of them this year will stay home because they consider that the foreign currency allowance of 2,000 francs (\$280) annually per adult is insufficient.

Carraz said that his ministry would register the number of available tourist beds, consider subsidies to hoteliers and restaurant owners to increase their potential intake, extend camping and caravan sites by using previously restricted ground on military bases, and use empty schools and old open-air leisure centers.

Boeing 747-300 goes into service

MANAMA, April 4 (AFP) — The first Boeing 747-300, biggest airliner produced so far, was put into service this weekend by the French U.T.A. company on its Far East and Pacific service, the airline said here Monday.

This is the latest version of the Boeing 747 Jumbo jet with a lengthened upper deck.

U.T.A. flew the first plane out from Paris Friday to Singapore via Muscat and Colombo. A second Boeing 747-300 flight was leaving Paris Monday for Noumea.

Authorities worried**Video craze grips Soviets**

MOSCOW, April 4 (AP) — The video revolution has hit the Soviet Union and is spawning a black market in cassettes of Western horror movies, a Soviet newspaper said Sunday, warning readers not to watch the banned films.

In the article, the Communist Party central committee newspaper *Sovetskaya Rossiya* acknowledged that authorities fear video because it allows Soviet viewers to see Western movies at home with relative ease.

The government censors all movies, plays, books, music and other entertainment. Western movies with gory killing scenes, and haunted houses usually are banned. Films with political overtones considered offensive to the Communist government also are not allowed.

The only Western movies shown to average Soviets are what the government considers ideologically safe productions that criticize Western society, or innocuous comedies and children's fare like *Lastie*.

Clearly trying to scare its readers away from illicit films, *Sovetskaya Rossiya* told about a woman who landed in a mental hospital after viewing horror movies. It also quoted unidentified "specialists" as saying movies like *The Green Berets* or *Frankenstein* were "terrible, terrifying and depressing." The newspaper did not explain for its readers the plots of either film.

The newspaper also never explained how the cassettes got into the country. Privileged officials and artists allowed to travel abroad are known to be one source for video cassettes, and they swap tapes among themselves.

Video initially was restricted to this small Soviet elite. But now cassettes apparently are filtering in via the black market, enabling others to screen private showings of banned films across the country.

Sovetskaya Rossiya told of a black market gang that supplied Western movies on cassette and even fixed video machines in a secret, air-conditioned laboratory equipped with Sony and JVC-3600 recorders.

The group's operation snowballed, led by a black marketer identified as V.S. Sevrukov, who "imitated the heroes of Westerns" by keeping a Smith and Wesson revolver in his apartment, the newspaper said. At least eight persons were involved, it said.

They sold cassettes of horror films, and Western hits like *The Godfather*, and *Clockwork Orange* to buyers from Odessa to Leningrad, the paper said. The gang also sold cassettes of popular Soviet films, it said.

Soviet sources say video cassettes generally retail for the equivalent of about \$420 on the black market. Many average Soviet citizens can afford to buy them because they accrue savings, owing to the general lack of luxury consumer goods.

Black market prices for the machines run from \$12,600 to \$16,800, well beyond the reach of the average wage-earner, Soviet sources say. But ordinary Soviets presumably can pool savings to buy the coveted items and share them.

Sovetskaya Rossiya said one young couple in Sevrukov's group made \$14,000 in four months in the southern Georgian republic by Hawking Western cassettes and videotape machines made by Grundig, Panasonic, Hitachi and JVC.

Another man earned \$42,000 touting illegal cassettes in the southern Soviet Union, the newspaper said.

The group finally was busted after violating "one article of the criminal code after another," the newspaper said.

Moscow rules out raising oil exports to allies

MOSCOW, April 4 (R) — Moscow's Communist allies should not hope for any increase in the amount of oil they import from the Soviet Union, a leading economist warned in an article published here Monday.

Oleg Bogomolov, senior expert on relations within the Soviet-led Comecon trading group, said the allies must improve the way they used existing supplies and rely on domestic resources or nuclear energy for additional needs.

The article, published in the political monthly *Mechlenrodnyye Zhizni* (international life) was evidently meant to set out Moscow's position at a forthcoming summit of Comecon, widely expected to take place in Moscow in May.

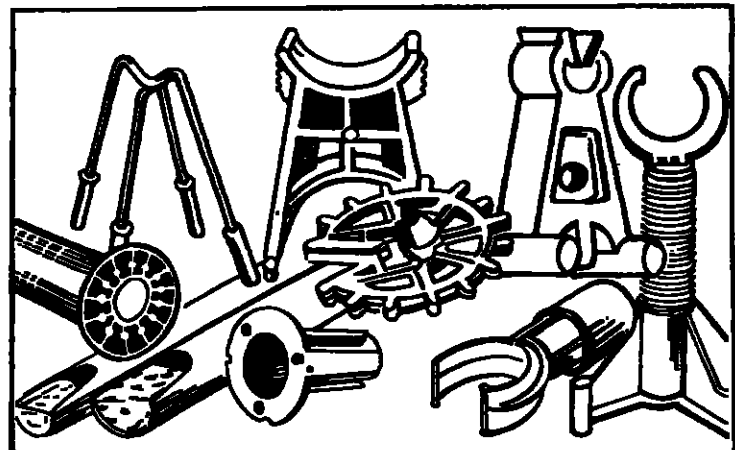
Officials in some East European states, especially Romania and Czechoslovakia, have hinted that their governments will press for increased Soviet oil supplies and lower prices at the summit. "We have clearly reached the limit in output of oil and a number of other components of our energy and raw material exports, except, of course, gas and electro-energy," Bogomolov said in the article.

Soviet oil production has been placed at just over 600 million tons a year (12 million barrels per day). Around a quarter of this is exported and the largest share has always gone to the East European Communist states and Cuba.

But according to East European sources, Moscow has cut supplies by as much as 10 percent over the past few months and diverted the oil on to the Western market.

Bogomolov made clear the Soviet leadership would not soften its tough line on the question of oil supplies.

As well as urging the allies to develop nuclear power, the Soviet academician said they should look to developing countries as sources of energy.

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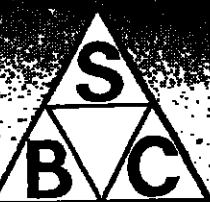
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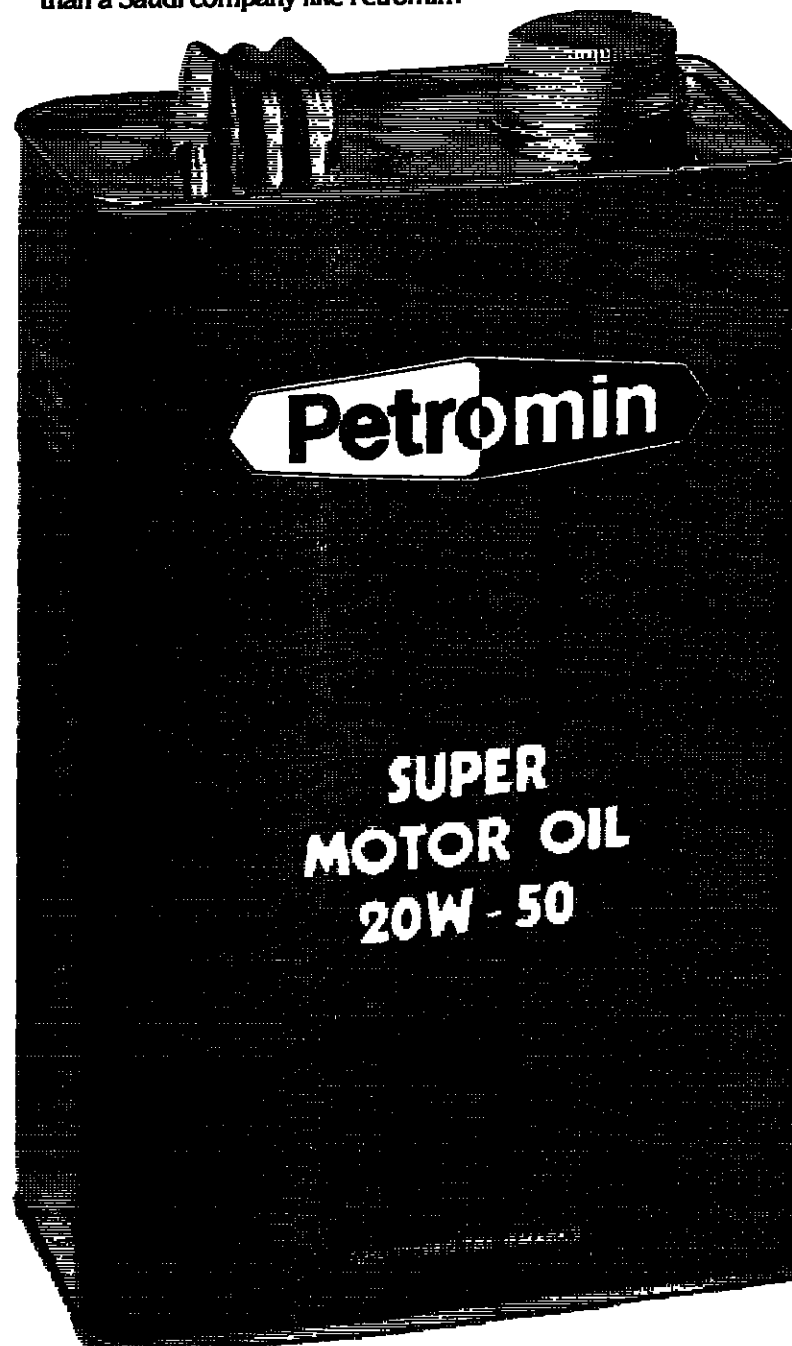


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Oil market recovery by autumn forecast

ABU DHABI, April 4 (R) — United Arab Emirates (UAE) Oil Minister Mana Said Al-Oteiba predicted Monday that if OPEC members obeyed the exporter group's pricing and production rules, the world oil market would improve in the autumn.

OPEC (Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries) oil ministers cut the oil reference price by \$5 a barrel to \$29 and set an overall production ceiling of 17.5 million barrels per day at crisis talks last month in London. Oteiba told Reuters that if all of OPEC's 13 members obeyed the London accord, which also assigned individual output quotas, then "we will see some sign of improvement in the market in autumn this year." He said he was confident Nigeria's decision not to match a small cut proposed in British North Sea prices would support the market. But he appealed to both OPEC and non-OPEC countries not to cut their prices, so that the market would pass its crisis.

Oteiba said an OPEC market monitoring committee which he chairs would meet in London on April 18. The four-minister group acts as a watchdog on pricing and production by OPEC countries.

The Middle East Economic Survey (MEES) reported Monday that the possibility of a world oil price war had greatly receded fol-

lowing the British pricing proposal. The British National Oil Corporation (BNOC) suggested last week that North Sea prices should fall by 50 to 75 cents a barrel. Nigeria, whose crude competes with the high-quality British oil, said it would not match the cut.

The Cyprus-based MEES said: "The BNOC proposals, which clearly have more than a hint of governmental guidance in them, have met with no minefields on the OPEC front and fears of a price war have faded away pretty definitively into the far background — for the time being at least."

India reduces birth rate to below 2%

NEW DELHI, April 4 (AFP) — India has for the first time brought down its population growth rate to below two percent, it was announced Monday.

Speaking at a conference of state chief ministers here, Prime Minister Indira Gandhi said that there was now a greater awareness among the people of the need for birth control. She said the growth rate in the year 1982-83, which ended on March 31, was 1.9 percent. "We must see that this trend continues. The percentage of couples practicing family planning must be increased," she said.

Iran inaugurates new steel plant

AHVAZ, Iran, April 4 (R) — Iran's National Steel Industries group has inaugurated a new steelworks in the southwestern city of Ahvaz, the national news agency IRNA reported.

It said the factory was expected to produce nearly 62,000 tons of steel beam each year, greatly reducing Iran's dependence on foreign imports. Construction was begun in 1978 by West German and Indian experts. After the 1979 revolution and the departure of many foreigners, work on it was continued by Iranian engineers and technicians, IRNA said.

\$5m morphine base seized in Turkey

ANKARA, April 4 (AFP) — Turkish narcotics police have seized 18 kilograms of morphine base, worth an estimated \$5 million, and arrested three persons in the province of Van on the border with Iran, police said here Monday.

The three, all Turkish, were arrested in a major police operation this weekend.

Zhao urges 3rd World to restructure economy

PEKING, April 4 (Agencies) — Third World countries must sink their differences and fully cooperate in the struggle to build a new international economic order, Chinese Prime Minister Zhao Ziyang said Monday.

He was giving the opening address at a four-day "South-South conference" in Peking attended by scholars and development experts from Third World countries. "China is a developing Socialist country belonging to the Third World," Zhao said, reiterating a theme which has become common in recent months as Peking tries to distance itself from the two superpowers.

"The Chinese government has unwaveringly taken as the corner-stone of its foreign policy the strengthening of unity and cooperation with other Third World countries," he said. Zhao added the Peking conference was being held at a time when the world economic situation was extremely grim, and developing countries were seeking ways to cope with it.

The meeting was a timely and apt forum "to explore ... such important issues as the development strategies of the developing countries, North-South negotiations and South-South cooperation," he said. The success of Third World countries' development strategies depended to a very large extent on fundamental changes in "the unjust and inequitable old international economic order."

"The superpowers either stubbornly reject the idea of restructuring the old international economic order or take an indifferent

Japan hikes defense outlay by 6.5%

TOKYO, April 4 (AFP) — The \$212 billion Japanese budget for fiscal 1983, one of the highest in postwar years, was finally cleared by the Diet (parliament) here Monday.

The budget, only 1.4 percent higher than its predecessor, includes a 6.5 percent boost in defense spending to \$11.523 billion — 0.978 percent of the estimated gross national product (GNP). This was a response to mounting United States pressure on Tokyo to boost its military efforts. The budget also clears the way for Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone to press ahead toward economic recovery.

U.K. seamen study strike plan today

LONDON, April 4 (R) — British merchant seamen set a worldwide strike alert Monday to protest military intervention in a labor dispute.

The move stemmed from the British Navy's action in putting a crew aboard the troopship *Keren* at Wallsend, Northeast England, where it was being refitted, and taking it to sea. The ship's civilian crew, involved in a pay dispute, had been sent on Easter leave before the naval crew took over the vessel.

The seamen's union denounced the government action as "an Argentine-style raid

attitude toward it," Zhao said. "Therefore, it becomes all the more necessary for us, Third World countries to strengthen our unity and cooperation."

Shridath Ramphal of Guyana, secretary-general of the British Commonwealth, said that amid perhaps the greatest world economic crisis since the 1930s, "the superpowers, like modern warlords, are frolicking on the margins of apocalypse, or so at any rate it seems to most of mankind." He added, "the military alliances of East and West are engaged in a contest for international supremacy that has lost not only its sense of proportion but any semblance of rationality."

It is time for the Third World to be especially true to itself," said Ramphal, who is a co-chairman of the "South-South" conference on strategies for economic development, for negotiations with the rich "North" nations and for greater cooperation among the "South" developing countries.

Ramphal praised China's role "in developing a Third World consciousness," and said China could do more "to ensure that the Third World does not always come third."

The other co-chairman, Huan Xiang, adviser to China's Academy of Social Sciences, told nearly 70 Third World scholars, "the levers of international economic power still are in the hands of a few developed nations and are being used to harm the interests of the Third World nations."

Budget features included a seven percent rise in foreign economic aid to \$2.109 billion, a 0.9 percent cut in education spending and a brake on welfare spending to a growth rate of only 0.6 percent.

The Diet also approved treasury investment and loans for fiscal 1983 of \$86.623 billion—two percent higher than in 1982. An expected shortfall will be met by the issue of government bonds totaling \$55.837 billion. This brings the government's reliance on national bonds to 26.5 percent of national revenue, despite Tokyo's public pledge to decrease the dependence.

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Financial Roundup

Riyal firm in thin trading

By J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, April 4 — With the majority of the world financial centers still closed Monday, trading was extremely thin in the remaining bourses such as Bahrain and the Far Eastern markets. Singapore and Tokyo markets were slightly active but even dealers there avoided taking meaningful positions. The Bahrain-based OBUs — offshore banking units — were also moderately active but most dealing was concentrated on the rial market since the OBUs had been relatively inactive over the past few days.

Riyal deposit levels were firmer at the 9 1/4 - 9 1/2 percent for most of the medium range tenors but some liquidity injections pushed down the short-term rates by around 1/4 percent to take the week fixed rate to 8 3/4 - 9 1/4 percent from 9 1/4 percent levels. Volumes were small, however, with most covering being for short-term cash flows. In the longer dated funds, rial deposits were not dealt despite some lend-

ing interest at the 9 1/4 percent levels. The exchanges were generally active at 3.4505-12 levels, up from morning rates of 3.4500-05 prices. Interbank dealing was active Monday with the OBUs in Bahrain covering positions run down over the weekend break.

The dollar was still quoted strong on the remaining bourses that were open. Dealers made it clear that interest rate factors were predominant in this dollar firmness and that the money markets would expect some further rises in dollar interest rates this week. Bahrain banks quoted the one-month dollar interest rate at 9 1/4 - 9 1/2 percent levels while the one-year rate was quoted at 9 13/16 - 10 1/16 percent levels. The exchange prices that were available also indicated a strong dollar preference with the yen at 239.50 prices, the mark at 2.4250 levels and the Swiss franc at 2.0810 levels. The pound continued to trade strongly at 1.4830 prices boosted by the lower than expected cut in British North Sea oil prices.

For want of funds

Rome mayor's plan vetoed

ROME, April 4 (AFP) — Rome's Communist mayor, Ugo Vetere, has run into determined government opposition to his spectacular plan to rip out one of the city's busiest roads and turn the area from the Capitol to the Coliseum into a vast archaeological park.

The minister of culture, Nicola Vernola, vetoed the project last week on the grounds that there were not enough funds for such a grandiose scheme — and in any case, all available funds had already been earmarked to carry urgent repairs to the city's many crumbling monuments.

While the mayor seems to have lost the first round, the minister did at least agree to look into the idea in depth. Some of it is being incorporated into the restoration program.

When Vetere unveiled his plan in January, he was immediately called a "megalomaniac" by some of the local papers. His proposal was to knock out the famous avenue which runs through the world-famous Roman Forums and create a huge park where new archaeological digs could excavate previously unexplored sites.

The reaction among archaeologists of the traditional school was one of horror: how could anyone propose to lay waste the center of the city of Michelangelo? They argued that isolating the Roman remains in a museum would destroy the charm of the city, where past intermingles with present.

The volume of traffic using the famous avenue is in the order of 4,000 cars an hour, while it might be desirable to divert them from the Forums on the grounds of pollution,

it would require an enormous rethinking of the city's road system. Vernola made it clear that excavations under the avenue were out of the question unless someone came up with a solution to the traffic problem.

In 1980, the government and city Council agreed on a huge injection of cash for urgent restoration work — \$128 million over five years. Again Vernola was intransigent: The money had to be spent on the schemes for which it had been allocated by parliament.

The program was indispensable to save buildings that were in danger of falling down, he said. He did not need to look far to find examples to back up his argument. A few days ago, bits of stone fell off the pantheon, hitting a tourist, and the building had to be closed. The thermal museum near the station, which possesses the largest concentration of Greco-Roman remains, is also almost entirely closed. The city must save the archaeological treasures it has already, before looking for new ones, the minister said.

Meanwhile, the controversy continues to rage between those who dismiss the mayor's project as city council propaganda and its authors who believe it is a blueprint of the future. The imperial forums were built from the time of Julius Caesar onward. Mussolini razed the old part of town which bordered on the ruins as well as several baroque churches to give the forums more prominence, and laid out the central avenue which runs the whole length from the Capitol to the Coliseum, forming one of the most beautiful archaeological walks in the world.

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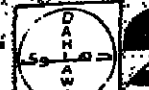
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To keep playoff hopes alive

Pistons stave off Bulls' late charge

PONTIAC, Michigan, April 4 (AP) — There's not much question that Isiah Thomas has emerged as the Detroit Pistons' take-charge man.

The second-year All-Star from Indiana turned in an all-around effort Sunday night, scoring 30 points and tallying 12 assists as the Pistons overpowered the Chicago Bulls 122-107 to keep alive their faint National Basketball Association playoff hopes.

In the only other NBA game of the day, Philadelphia beat Cleveland 96-84.

"I marvel how Isiah has matured so much since his rookie season last year," said Pistons coach Scotty Robertson. "He directs our offense the way we have wanted him to, and makes the big plays. He also does so

many other things that never show up in the box score."

Robertson also praised center Bill Laimbeer, who grabbed 18 rebounds and scored 14 points. "He has developed into the league's third-best rebounder and, like Thomas, does a lot of things which often go unnoticed," Robertson said.

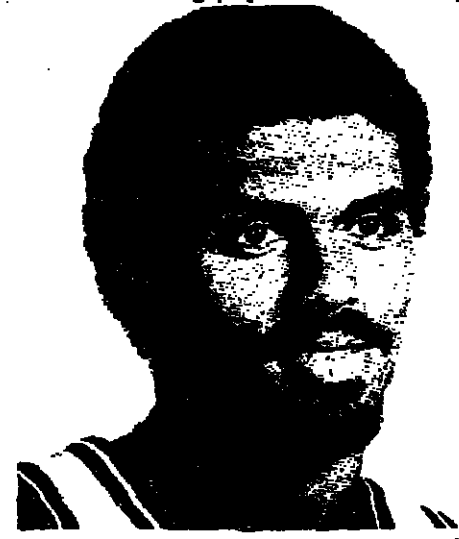
Kelly Tripucka fired in 23 points for Detroit and Terry Tyler added 16 and pulled down 12 rebounds as the Pistons saw a 25-point lead dwindle to just six.

Tripucka and Vinnie Johnson got 14 points apiece in the first 20 minutes, leading five Pistons in Double figures, as Detroit built up a 69-48 halftime lead, then boosted it to 75-52 early in the third period. But led by Rod Higgins, Dudley Bradley and Reggie Theus — who scored 20 of his 26 points in the second half — the Bulls roared back to make it 113-107 with only 58 seconds left.

Seven straight Detroit free throws — including four by Laimbeer — sparked a 9-0 scoring spurt to clinch the contest. "The Pistons made the big plays when they had to," said Chicago coach Paul Westhead, whose team slipped to 26-48.

In the Philadelphia-Cleveland game, Moses Malone scored 26 points, including eight in the fourth quarter to help Philadelphia defeat a Cleveland rally. The 76ers, 61-13, must win their remaining eight games to tie the NBA record of 69 victories in a season set by the Los Angeles Lakers in 1971-72.

The Cavaliers got eight points from Cliff Robinson to pull within six points three times in the third quarter. Robinson scored 20 points to lead the Cavaliers, who have lost their last 16 games with Philadelphia.



Reggie Theus...leads fightback

As Steen nets three

Jets record runaway victory

NEW YORK, April 4 (AP) — Center Thomas Steen scored three times and rookie left wing Brian Mullen got two goals and an assist Sunday night as the Winnipeg Jets warmed up for the National Hockey League playoffs with an 8-3 rout of the Detroit Red Wings. The Jets burst ahead with a three-goal spree in the first period and then added four more in the next before easing out the pressure.

Elsewhere in the NHL, Gary Lupul

Chinese diver excels

LONDON, April 4 (AFP) — Lu Wei of China put on a near-perfect display in the women's highboard in the Triangular Godwin International between Britain, China and the United States at Crystal Palace here on Sunday.

The 17-year-old Chinese diver was a convincing winner, and she picked up no fewer than 17 ten-point maximum scores, to finish well clear of Kim Engel and Debbie Rush of the United States. Britain's Rachel Spinks, who was called into the team only three days ago finished a creditable fourth.

Christopher Snodde, England's Commonwealth Games diving champion, broke a British points record in the men's springboard. Snodde scored 708.35 points to win the event and in the process became the first British diver to achieve more than 700 in this country. His scores included five ten-point maximums.

scored with 2:26 remaining to give the Vancouver Canucks a 2-2 tie with the Los Angeles Kings in the final regular-season game for both teams. The tie enabled the Canucks to finish third in the Smythe Division. Vancouver completed its season with a 30-35-15 record, good for 75 points.

Anton Stastny scored his 32nd goal of the season with 1:49 remaining to break a 5-5 tie and give the Quebec Nordiques a 6-5 victory over the Hartford Whalers. The Nordiques went into second stanza with a two-goal advantage which was soon nullified by the Whalers, who struck four times in the period to tie the Nordiques 4-4.

The Calgary Flames got outstanding goaltending from Don Edwards and a third-period goal by Steve Christoff to end their regular season with a 3-3 tie against the Edmonton Oilers. While, Brian Popp scored two goals, of which one proved to be the match-winner, as the Philadelphia Flyers beat the New York Islanders 4-2 in the final game of the season for both teams.

Steve Tambellini and Bob MacMillan scored power play goals 18 seconds apart in the first period to help the New Jersey Devils to a 5-3, season-ending victory over the Pittsburgh Penguins. The Penguins did put up a brief fight in the second period, but the Devils turned on the heat once again to romp home. And the Toronto Maple Leafs edged past the Buffalo Sabres 4-3 in a season-ending clash for both clubs.

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Camacho fails to impress in warm-up bout

PHOENIX, Arizona, April 4 (AP) — Hector "Macho" Camacho, tuning up for a June title fight against World Boxing Council junior-lightweight champion Bobby Chacon, pounded out a unanimous but unpopular decision Sunday over Irlis "Cubanito" Perez in a 10-round, nationally televised lightweight bout here.

After the judges' cards were read, a heavily partisan Perez crowd showered the Phoenix Civic Plaza convention center ring with ice and paper cups along with a steady stream of boos. "They get what they see. I thought I fought a good fight, a smart fight, a scientific fight," said the 20-year-old Camacho, now 21-0 as the WBC's number 2-ranked junior-lightweight. "I knew I could outbox him. The fight wasn't even close."

Judge Bob Cox scored it 99-94 with Dr. Al Michael Munoz having it 99-97 and Joe Garcia 99-93. All are from the Phoenix area. Referee Bobby Ferrara of Tucson said he agreed with the closeness of the scoring, "and I thought Camacho clearly won the fight."

"Next time, I bring my own referee and my own judge," said the 24-year-old Perez, whose record dropped to 25-1. He had knocked out 21 of his previous opponents including 11 in the first round en route to his lightweight rankings of No. 20 by the WBC and No. 11 by the World Boxing Association.

"I want a rematch as soon as possible," added Perez, sporting a shiner under his right eye. "I know I can beat him. I promise the fans I'll knock him out next time."

Meanwhile, when Aaron Pryor and Alexis Arguello meet in a rematch they are expected to receive more than the \$3.1 million they split in their first meeting. But Pryor is hoping he will collect without the hitch attached to his latest purse.

Pryor retained his World Boxing Association junior welterweight crown with ease Saturday, stopping challenger Sang-Hyun Kim of South Korea just 37 seconds into the third round of their scheduled 15-round bout. However, Pryor will have to wait before he can claim the \$300,000 purse, which was scheduled to be delivered Monday to the Cincinnati Court clerk. There it will stay until Pryor's Court battle is settled with his manager, Cincinnati businessman Buddy Larosa, said Thomas Conlan, the 27-year-old champion's attorney.

"I'll continue to fight to get people to see there's no manager in the world who should have so much control over a fighter," Pryor said.

Promoter Dan Duva of Main Events, Inc., which staged the Kim fight, said Pryor and Arguello would receive more in their July rematch than what they got when Pryor stopped Arguello in the 14th round last November.

Pryor, who blocked Arguello's bid to become the first fighter to capture titles in four weight classes, was paid \$1.6 million. Arguello took home 1.5 million.

There's no way I'll return, Borg asserts

LONDON, April 4 (AP) — Swedish tennis star Bjorn Borg, who retired from the professional circuit last week as one of the world's greatest ever players, says he enjoyed every minute of his career but completely rules out a comeback.

"I had 10 wonderful years and have no regrets whatsoever," the blond, 26-year-old Swede said in a British Broadcasting Corp. television interview Sunday. "I will still play tennis. It's been my life and I love the sport. But if I ever have that feeling I want to come back and start to feel itchy, I'll tell myself no," said Borg.

"I've been through 10 or 11 years and I know what has to be done to make a comeback. There's no way I could go out and put that much effort into tennis again."

Interviewed in his adopted home, the tax-lenient principality of Monte Carlo, Borg said he now planned to try his hand at promotion and television commenting.

"I'm a very ambitious guy and like to set different goals," he said. "The important thing is knowing what the day holds in store. It's terrible to wake up without anything to do."

Borg, who took the Wimbledon title five times among his 61 tournament victories, said his greatest disappointment was never winning the U.S. Open. "For the last two or three years of my career, Flushing Meadows was my greatest ambition," he said, adding that losing to John McEnroe in the 1981 final felt like "The end of my life."

His greatest thrill, he said, was his first Wimbledon singles title in 1976.

Borg, who began to wind down his career last year when he took several months off from the game, officially retired from tournament competition after his second round defeat in the \$300,000 Monte Carlo Open on Thursday. He had earned more than \$400 million in prize money and his fortune

was boosted by numerous commercial endorsements.

Borg told interviewer Gerald Williams that his wife Mariana had never attempted to persuade him to retire.

"She never put any pressure on me," he said. "I just woke up one morning and told her I was quitting. She laughed and thought I was joking. But I said I was sure I no longer had the motivation."

Borg said his decision, which shocked the tennis world, was made as early as November last year while he was coaching Swedish juniors in Stockholm. The news was made public two months later in January this year.

"It was a great relief when the announcement was made," he said. "Retirement is a very big step. All I'd been doing for 10 years was eating, sleeping, practicing and playing matches. Now I can live like a normal person and we can be like a normal married couple."

With Richards, Lloyd in full cry

Windies pile up mammoth total

GEORGETOWN, Guyana, April 4 (AFP) — The West Indies ground their way to a formidable first innings total of 468 on the third day of the rain-shortened third cricket Test match against India here Sunday.

Having lost the second day completely because of a sodden outfield, there was another delay because of overnight rain Sunday and play did not start until after the lunch interval with the West Indies at their first day's total of 259 for five.

Vivian Richards, who was 97 on resumption, duly reached his 14th Test century in his 50th Test in the day's first over but he could not reproduce his first-day form and added only 12 before he mistimed a drive off medium-pace Balwinder Singh Sandhu to be caught at mid-on for 109 by Venkatraghavan, unhindered by a strapped fractured finger on his left hand.

Richards' fifth Test century against India included two sixes and nine fours and it was left to a seventh-wicket partnership of 88 between captain Clive Lloyd and wicket-keeper Jeffrey Dujon and a ninth-wicket stand of 43 between fast bowler Malcolm Marshall and Andy Roberts to boost the West Indian effort on a pitch which continued to be easy-paced.

Lloyd, starting the day two not out, punched the ball with typical power although tight Indian bowling and defensive field placing limited his boundaries. Dujon, relying more on timing and placement, was never in trouble.

Eventually, Dujon was well caught and bowled by off-spinner Venkatraghavan for 47 and was followed by Lloyd, who snicked a catch to wicketkeeper Syed Kirmani off left-arm spinner Ravi Shastri after making 81 in just over three hours batting with 10 fours.

There was some thought that the West

Indies would declare to give the Indians an awkward period of batting just before the close but Lloyd decided to carry on to the end.

Marshall and Roberts took the opportunity to score some easy runs and they were not separated until the close of play when Indian captain Kapil Dev had Marshall kept before wicket for 17. In the final over Roberts skied

a catch off Sandhu and was out for 34 which included a huge six off Shastri.

For India, Sandhu took three wickets for 85 but Venkatraghavan, the 38-year-old veteran in his 50th Test, bowled 38 overs and took two for 124, statistics which did not accurately reflect his value.

The ground was packed with an estimated 13,000 spectators who waited patiently as the ground staff, with help from a Guyana Army helicopter, worked to dry out the ground.

Meanwhile, Zimbabwe were 76 for two in their second innings at the end of the third day Sunday of the four-day cricket match against the young Australians. The home side were made to follow on after making 164 in reply to the visitors' first innings score of 408 in Harare.

The day belonged to the Aussies, who fielded and bowled magnificently holding on to all their catches no matter how difficult. The most spectacular of these came from David Boon who, fielding at silly short-leg, managed to hold a full-blooded sweep from Duncan Fletcher off the bowling of leg-spinner Stuart Saunders.

The only Zimbabweans to show good batting were opening batsman Ali Shah and tailender John Traicos. Shah, a young left-hander in his debut first-class match, defied the formidable Aussie attack for nearly four hours in compiling 42, and was run out after a bad call from his skipper Fletcher.



Richards...14th Test century

Scoreboard	
WEST INDIES (1st innings):	
G. Greenidge c Kirmani b Marudhar	70
D. Hayes c Venkat b Venkat	46
V. Richards c Venkat b Sandhu	109
L. Gomes c Gekwad b Lapi Dev	36
M. Holding run out	0
A. Logie c Kirmani b Sandhu	0
C. Lloyd c Kirmani b Shastri	81
J. Dujon c & b Venkat	47
M. Marshall b Kapil Dev	17
Indies	468
INDIA (1st innings):	
A. Roberts c Gavaskar b Sandhu	34
J. Garner not out	1
Extras:	17
Total:	468
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-89, 2-157, 3-233, 4-256, 5-299, 6-387, 7-417, 8-417, 9-460.	
BOWLING: Kapil Dev 30-7-68-2; Sandhu 25-4-5-85-3; Shastri 23-3-84-1; Marudhar 27-3-90-1; Venkat 38-4-124-2.	

Stadler finds his touch to keep in the fray

GREENSBORO, North Carolina, April 4 (AP) — Craig Stadler, who found the putting stroke that has eluded him all season, shot a five-under-par 67 Sunday and moved into a three-way tie for the third-round lead in the rain-delayed, \$400,000 Greater Greensboro Open Golf Tournament.

Stadler, who will be a day late in getting to Augusta, Georgia for the defense of the Masters title he won last year, finished three trips over the saturated Forest Oaks Country Club Course in 208, eight strokes under par.

He shared the top spot going into Monday's final 18 holes in the chase for a \$72,000 first prize with Lanny Wadkins and Denis Watson, a native of Rhodesia who now lives in South Africa, Wadkins a three-time winner last season, and Watson each shot 67 in the chilly, cloudy weather.

The tournament schedule was thrown out of gear by day-long rains that washed out Saturday's play and left pools and puddles in low areas on the course. Players were allowed to lift, clean and place balls in the fairway. "That helped, of course," said Stadler.

"Any time you can get your hands on it, you're going to have a perfect lie. The greens are soft and you can fly the ball right at the flag. Under those conditions, it's hard not to make birdies."

The critical change in his fortunes, how-

ever, was due to his putting. "I've always putted with the right forefinger down the shaft of the club. I just realized Wednesday that, without knowing it, I'd changed my grip. So I changed back. And now I'm making some putts."

Tommy Nakajima, who took four titles and led the Japanese tour in money-winning last year, and Bobby Clampett were two shots off the pace at 210. Nakajima had a 66 and Clampett shot 69. Phil Hancock and Ron Streck, each with a third-round 70, were next at 211.

Peter Oosterhuis and Bob Eastwood followed at 212, four off the pace. Oosterhuis once holed from off the green, made another putt of about 40 feet, and scored on two others of about 20 feet on his way to a 66. Eastwood shot 73.

Watson, who one-putted half the greens he played, birdied the 15th and 6th to close to within a single shot of the lead, then got a share of it by dropping a 45-foot birdie on the 18th. Wadkins also birdied the final hole, hitting a 6-iron to within three feet of the cup. That finished off a back nine of 32.

Amy Alcott tops

Meanwhile, Amy Alcott outbattled the wind and two pressing rivals Sunday to win the Nabisco-Dinah Shore invitational Golf Tournament by two strokes in Rancho Mir-

age. She fired an even-par 72 for a total of 282 to win \$55,000.

Beth Daniel and Kathy Whitworth deadlocked at 284 and won \$30,845 each. Daniel, who led by two strokes at the end of the third round, hit into water at both the fifth and sixth holes to let Alcott take a one-stroke lead which she increased with a par on the next hole.

The veteran Whitworth made a run at the lead in the blustery wind which gusts to 40 mph (64 kph) and blew throughout the final round. By the 11th, she was one stroke behind. Then she went over par on the next hole and never was that close again. She finished with a 72, while Daniel went to 76.

Daniel had closed the gap to one stroke with a birdie at the 10th hole and went even with Amy at the 11th when the latter bogeyed. Alcott picked up two strokes with a 5-foot (1.5 m) birdie putt at the 12th where Daniel went over par and the Californian never was headed.

Nancy Lopez, who announced Saturday she and husband Ray Knight were expecting a child, joined the millionaire golfing class with a tie for sixth place at 292 and won \$12,294. That put her career earnings at \$1,001,570 in less than seven years on the Ladies Professional Golf Association tour.

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While Luton, Birmingham sink further

Liverpool gives Man. City a thrashing

LONDON, April 4 (Agencies) — Liverpool went marching on at the top of the English First Division Soccer League when they crushed Manchester City 4-0 at Maine Road Monday.

Ian Rush's substitute, David Fairclough, scored twice after captain Graeme Souness had opened the scoring in the 31st minute. Alan Kennedy collected the fourth goal as City slipped ever further toward relegation zone.

Liverpool are now 16 points clear of Watford, who moved back into second place after thrashing local rivals, Luton Town, 5-2, with Luther Blissett, the black England striker, getting two goals. It was struggling Luton's fourth successive defeat. They had Yugoslav Raddy Antic sent off for a 60th minute foul, following a booking for dissent.

But two of Luton's rivals at the bottom failed to take advantage. In two other local "Derbies" — there were 14 altogether — Norwich was held 0-0 at home by Ipswich and Birmingham lost 1-0 at Aston Villa where Gary Shaw scored with six minutes remaining.

Manchester United slipped to third place after being held to a goalless draw at Sunderland. On top of their already heavy crop of injuries, they lost Scott Lou MacCari after 23 minutes, and Steve Coppell took a heavy second-half knock.

Full back Chris Hughton and Mark Falco scored two apiece as Tottenham Hotspur demolished Arsenal 5-0 in the north London

Derby at White Hart Lane. Scottish international Alan Brazil, Tottenham's 500,000-pound buy from Ipswich, opened his goalscoring account to leave the "Guns" with an egg on their face.

It was the most one-sided match between the teams since Arsenal won by the same score at Tottenham on December 1978, and also equaled Spurs' biggest win against Arsenal, way back in 1912.

The rout began when Hughton scored with a miskick after ten minutes. He added his second eight minutes later after Falco had scored his first in the 13th minute. In the 42nd minute Falco struck again and Brazil scored the fifth 15 minutes later.

After Monday's games, Liverpool had 77 points from 34 matches, Watford 61 from 35

and Manchester United 59 from 33. At the bottom, where three teams are relegated, Brighton — which plays Tuesday — had 34 points from 34 matches, the same number as Luton and Birmingham, which have played 33 and 34 matches respectively. Swansea, which also plays Tuesday, had 36 from 34 and Norwich 37 from 34 as a five-team struggle to avoid the drop intensified.

In the Second Division, Queen's Park Rangers increased its lead at the top to four points as Wolverhampton dropped two valuable points in a 2-2 home draw with Shrewsbury.

Fans disrupt play
The Blackburn-Burnley match was held up for 16 minutes, with the former leading by a goal, following misbehavior by fans.

The supporters threw pieces of masonry

from a roof of a stand onto the pitch. At least one spectator was carried away on a stretcher after being struck on the head.

Burnley manager Frank Casper broadcast over the public address system and appealed for order. "You are a disgrace to Burnley football," he said. "We don't want to see you again. If you want to help Burnley, go home."

Earlier Blackburn goalkeeper Terry Genoe had been struck by a bottle. A smoke grenade was also thrown on to the pitch. Police moved into the crowd and made a number of arrests.

Charlton appointed manager
Meanwhile, Bobby Charlton, one of the stars of England's 1966 World Cup-winning soccer team, Monday was appointed manager of Third Division Wigan Athletic but said he did not want the job permanently.

Charlton, already a director of the northern England team, switched from the Wigan boardroom to the manager's chair following the firing of Larry Lloyd. Under Lloyd, Wigan gained promotion a year ago from Division Four but has failed to win any of its last eight games in the higher league.

In a statement, Charlton—who has been given control of team affairs until Wigan's league position is more secure—said he had "no managerial ambitions at all. I just happened to be on the spot. My job right now is to make the players believe in themselves."

Lloyd, who had 18 months of his managerial contract to run, will be retained as a player by the team.

English soccer results

ENGLISH DIVISION ONE		
Aston Villa	1	Birmingham
Everton	3	Stoke
Man. City	4	Liverpool
Norwich	0	Ipswich
Notts County	2	West Bromwich
Sunderland	0	Man. United
Tottenham	5	Arsenal
Watford	5	Luton
DIVISION TWO		
Blackburn	2	Burnley
Charlton	2	Crystal Palace
Chelsea	0	O.P. Rangers
Derby	2	Newcastle
Grimsby	1	Rotherham
Sheff. Wednesday	0	Barnsley
Wolverhampton	2	Shrewsbury

DIVISION THREE		
Bradford	1	Preston
Chesham	0	Huddersfield
Lincoln	2	Walsall
Newport	1	Cardiff
Orkney	2	Millwall
Reading	0	Bournemouth
Wigan	3	Wrexham
DIVISION FOUR		
Bury	2	York
Chesham	0	Tranmere
Crow	1	Northampton
Halifax	1	Hull
Port Vale	1	Bristol City
Reckdale	0	Southport
Swadlow	2	Aldershot

Kenya Safari Rally

Vatanen zooms to glory

NAIROBI, Kenya, April 4 (Agencies) — Finland's Ari Vatanen, benefitting from other drivers' problems, piloted his Opel Ascona 400 to victory Monday in the 31st running of the Safari Rally, billed as the world's toughest.

"It is like a big gift," the blond Finn told reporters at the finish ramp. "We have a really good reason to be happy today." Finishing second and third respectively were fellow-Finn Hannu Mikkola in an Audi Quattro and another Audi driver, Michele Mouton of France.

Provisional penalty points at the Nairobi finish, checkpoint No. 87 in the grueling, five-day event which began Thursday, were: Vatanen 396, Mikkola 402 and Mouton 455.

Vatanen, 30, and his co-driver, Terry Harriman of Britain, pulled onto the finish ramp at 2:14 p.m. (11:14 GMT). After checking in with Rally officials, they stood on the hood of the battered, dust-caked Opel, raised their arms in victory.

Vatanen, making his first Safari appearance since 1977, said he thought at the half-way point that his chances of winning the Rally were very slim. But the elimination of the front-running Audi Quattro halfway through the final leg helped clear the way to victory. "There were no tactics at all," Vatanen said.

Mikkola, 43, driving in his ninth Safari, said dust was the big problem this year, and that he was pleased with the performance of the turbo-charged Audis in their first try at the Safari.

The 32-year-old Mouton, in her first Safari attempt, described the rugged conditions of the Kenya event as very special. "There's no way to compare it," she said. "There's no way to go flat out all of the time. If you go flat out, you don't finish."

Vatanen had failed to finish in 1977 on a course which traditionally reduces the final field to about one-third of the starters. After taking the chequered flag he admitted that breakdowns which forced the withdrawal of early leader Vic Preston of Kenya, in another Audi Quattro, and compatriot Timo Salonen, in a Nissan 240 RS, contributed to his victory.

Preston, who had led since the first leg, retired on the 22nd stage when he hit a boulder while driving fast through a cloud of dust and broke the suspension of his Audi Quattro. Salonen then took the lead but had to pull out on the 31st stage when his once-repaired camshaft failed to hold up.

Another casualty of the tough overnight stage from western Kenya was Rauno Aaltonen of Finland in a second Opel Ascona. He had to withdraw with a broken oil pump.

Final standings

1. Ari Vatanen	Finland	Opel Ascona	396
2. Hannu Mikkola	Finland	Audi Quattro	402
3. Michele Mouton	France	Audi Quattro	455
4. Jayant Shah	Kenya	Datsun 240RS	478
5. Yoshio Takasaka	Japan	Subaru 4WD	531
6. Yoshio Iwano	Japan	Datsun PA10	543
7. Y. Takasaka	Kenya	Subaru 4WD	582
8. J. Heller	Kenya	Pengoot 504	597
9. Ian Duncan	Kenya	Datsun Pickup	913
10. Azar Awarer	Kenya	Datsun 1601	939



Coe, bags Golden Shoe

Coe starts on right foot

VIGEVANO, Italy April 4 (AP) — Sebastian Coe of Britain made a successful debut in this year's outdoor season Monday winning the 6.5-kilometer "Golden Shoe" race in this Northern Italian town.

Coe, running as a guest in an Italian field, clocked 18 minutes 28 seconds to win by two seconds from Gellindo Bordin. It was his second victory in the event, his first win coming in 1980.

The 26-year-old ace of Sheffield said he was aiming at getting into top condition for the first World Track and Field Championships scheduled in Helsinki in August.

Coe, who holds the world record in the 800 meters and over the mile, said he will possibly run two races in Helsinki. "For sure, I will be starting in the 800 meters. If my condition is good, I'll feel all right. I could also compete in the 1,500 meters," Coe told a news conference after the race.

Bit of A Skite triumphs

FAIRYHOUSE, Ireland, April 4 (AP) — Bit of A Skite, which only recently recovered from a poisoned foot, put in a late surge Monday to win the Irish Grand National Steeplechase here.

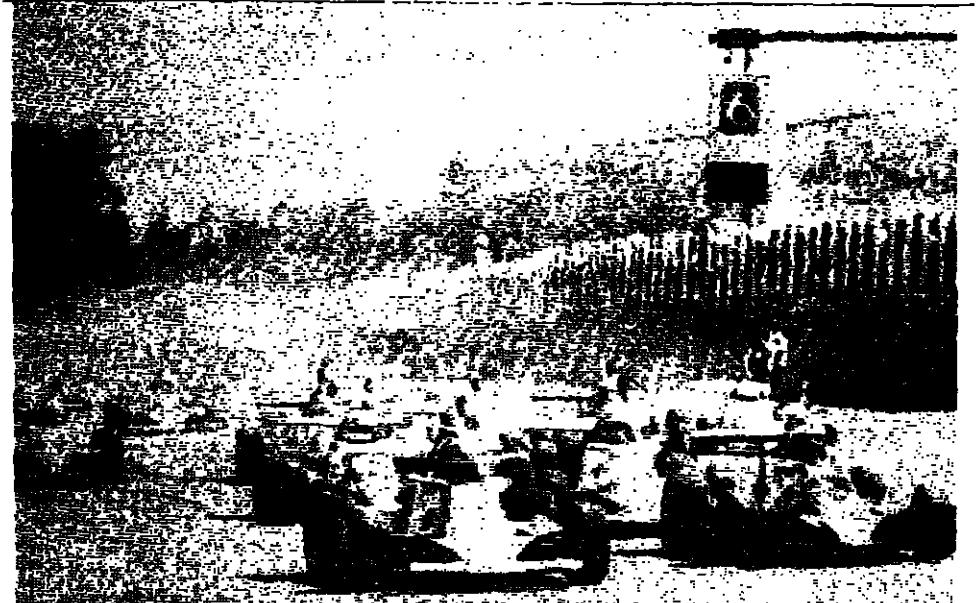
Ridden by Tommy Ryan, the horse — hotly-fancied — took over the lead with one fence left, jumped it successfully and strode on to win easily from Beech King in second place, with Prince Peacock, another outsider, finishing third.

A record field of 27 runners began the race in driving hail which soon turned to snow. Tied Cottage, a former Irish Grand National winner and the oldest horse in the race, took up the early running but soon tired as conditions worsened over the 3 1/2-mile course.

The lead then changed hands several times before Ryan brought up Bit of A Skite to win handsomely.

Hu Na granted asylum

WASHINGTON, April 4 (AP) — Ignoring appeals from China, the U.S. Justice Department announced Monday that the government is granting political asylum to Hu Na, a 19-year-old Chinese tennis star who defected to the United States last summer.



GET, SET, GO: Dust fills the air as the machines roar into life at the start of the second South American Formula Two Championship at the Las Vircas Raceway, Chile Sunday.

McRae roars back into the race

BELFAST, April 4 (AFP) — Current British Open champion Jimmy McRae recovered magnificently Sunday after two days of problems on the Circuit of Ireland Rally.

Driving his Opel Ascona, McRae clawed his way back to sixth place after dropping to 35th with steering and rear axle problems. Still leading the event after 324 miles of special stages, is Wolverhampton's Russell Brookes in a Vauxhall Chevette, who is just over three minutes ahead of Bertie Fisher from Belfast, the leading Opel driver.

In third place is another Chevette, driven by Brendan Fagan from Dublin, who has coped bravely with a broken hand since yesterday.

German champion Harald Demuth lies fourth in his Audi 80 Quattro, but early leader Pentti Arikkala of Finland in the powerful new Lancia Rally slipped to seventh place after clipping a rock this morning. Monday the rally heads north again via Galway for night stages on the return to Belfast for the finish on Tuesday morning.

Barcelona crashes to Real Sociedad

Real Madrid takes over as Spanish leaders

PARIS, April 4 (AFP) — Clubs with an interest in the semifinals of the European Cup competitions met with mixed fortunes as they warmed up over the weekend for this week's first-leg matches.

Real Madrid go into their European Cup-winners' Cup match against Austria Vienna on Wednesday safely restored at the top of the Spanish First Division. In the ten months that the great Alfredo Di Stefano has been in charge of the club, Real have been playing with a pride and determination reminiscent of the great sides of the late 50's and early 60's.

Their 2-0 win over Athletic Bilbao Sunday was far more emphatic than the scoreline suggests. Athletic arrived in Madrid on top of the league, a point ahead of Real, but they must soon have realized they had little hope of returning home as leaders.

Real piled on the pressure from the kick-off, went a goal up early on, and the stadium nearly erupted when Garcia Hernandez hit the goal which sealed victory in the 57th minute.

The game was watched by an estimated 110,000 people — 20,000 more than the official capacity, as around 10,000 were thought

to have got into the ground without paying and a further 10,000 using forged tickets on sale at astronomical prices from the touts.

Spain's other semifinals, Real Sociedad, who meet Hamburg in the Champions' Cup, also received the kind of boost all clubs dream of before a crucial European match.

They beat Barcelona, Diego Maradona and Bernd Schuster notwithstanding, 1-0 as the richest club in Europe, if not the world, again failed to impress under the direction of former Argentine national manager Cesar Menotti.

If the San Sebastian club have been in many eyes surprising league champions for the past two seasons, they have still reached the European cup semifinal and their confidence for the Hamburg encounter could not be running higher.

Meanwhile, Hamburg took the weekend off from league football and met third-placed Bayern Munich, the Cup holders, in the West German Super Cup, and were beaten in the penalty playoff, to resolve the 1-1 deadlock.

Austria Vienna's warm-up for their second European Cup trip to Spain this season — they beat Barcelona in the last round — was ideal, as they beat Linzer AK 5-1 away from

home, but were still unable to close the four-point gap on Rapid Vienna, who beat Voest Linz 4-0.

One of the longest-running unbeaten records in Europe fell at the weekend, and it was bad news for UEFA Cup semifinalists Anderlecht of Belgium. The league leaders had not lost since former Belgian international Paul Van Himst took over as manager last September, but their trip to Ghent ended in a 2-1 defeat, not the best of preparations for their match with Bohemians Prague this week.

Bohemians, arguably the strongest side in the last four, stretched their lead in the Czechoslovakian League to four points with a 1-0 home win over Inter Bratislava. Benfica of Portugal, who meet Universitatea Craiova of Romania in the other UEFA Cup semifinal, had the psychological boost of winning their Portuguese Cup quarter-final against arch-rivals Sporting Lisbon 3-0.

But Juventus of Italy had the best possible preparation for their European Cup clash with Widzew Lodz of Poland. There was no league program in Italy at the weekend, so they were able to take a welcome break.

Testing time for Poles in European Cup

LONDON, April 4 (R) — It says a lot for the character of Widzew Lodz that they have shrugged off the transfer of two of their best players, Zbigniew Boniek and Wladyslaw Zmuda, to make their mark against the cream of Europe's soccer clubs this season.

That character is likely to be given its sternest examination so far on Wednesday when the unfashionable Poles continue their bid to become the first East European team to lift the Champions' Cup. Widzew, conquerors of three-times winners Liverpool in the quarter-finals, meet star-studded Juventus in the away leg of their semifinal.

Few people outside Poland would bet on Widzew continuing their success story against a side boasting six Italian internationals, stylish Frenchman Michel Platini and hotshot Boniek. The quarterfinal demise of defending champions Aston Villa and runaway English League Liverpool — ending England's six-year domination of Europe's premier club competition — has left Juventus firm favorites to take the trophy to Italy for the first time since AC Milan won it in 1969.

But despite Juventus' undoubted talent in every department, the Poles can take heart from the fact that, that talent does not always jell. A recent instance of this unpredictability came in Juventus' last league match against neighbors Torino. They surrendered a two-goal lead in the space of four minutes and a 3-2 defeat virtually killed their chances of retaining the Italian title.

Juventus manager Giovanni Trapattoni saw Widzew in action and afterward said that unless his side played as assertively as they did against Belgians Standard Liege and Villa in earlier rounds of the Cup "these devils are going to punish us without mercy, as Torino did."

Center forward Wlodzimierz Smolarek, "one of three Polish World Cup squad players in the Widzew side, battle with hard-tackling Italian international Claudio Gentile is expected to be one of the key confrontations of an intriguing tie.

Smolarek, the Widzew skipper, said Gentile would find him a more difficult opponent than Argentine Diego Maradona or Brazil's Zico, whom he marked during the World Cup. Juventus striker Paolo Rossi has been troubled by a knee injury recently, but

Qatar finishes with a clean slate

CANNES, April 4 (AFP) — Qatar showed once again that they are among the most promising emerging football powers when they ended the Cannes Junior Tournament undefeated here Monday.

In their final match they beat England 5-4 on penalties after their fifth-place play-off match had ended in a 1-1 draw. England went ahead in the 65th minute when Atkinson scored from the penalty spot, but Qatar gained the reward their solid and effective football merited when substitute Mubarak

equalized in the 77th minute. They end the tournament unbeaten in four matches, having drawn all three of their group matches, against other major footballing nations, Brazil, Italy and the Netherlands.

Their Brazilian trainer Evaristo was delighted with the side's performances, but he admitted: "We missed a good number of scoring chances, notably against Brazil and Italy, two matches which were within our reach."

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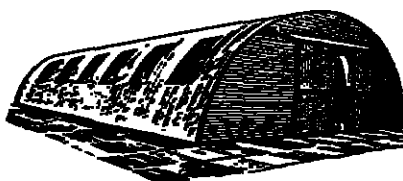
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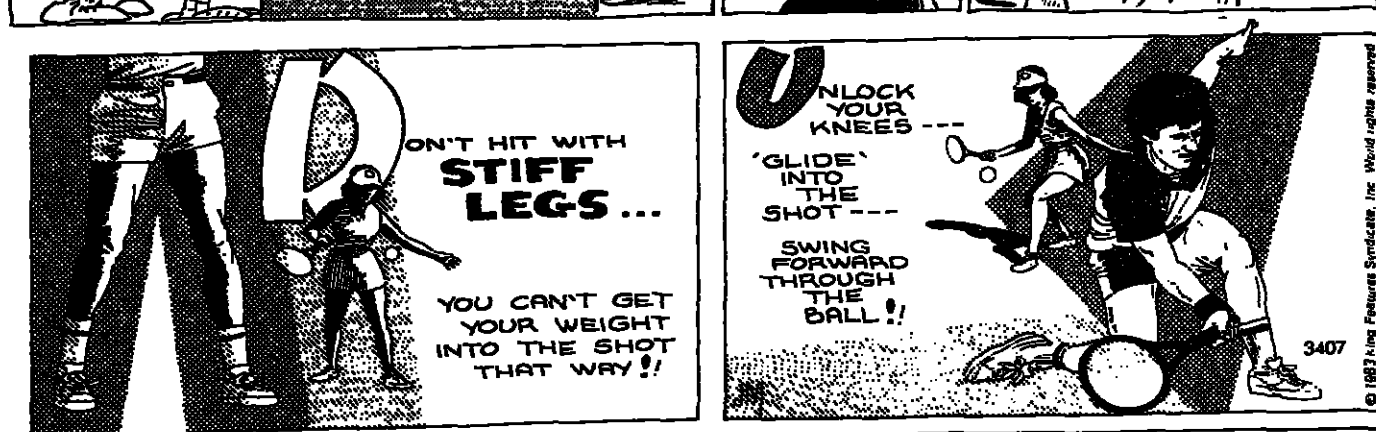
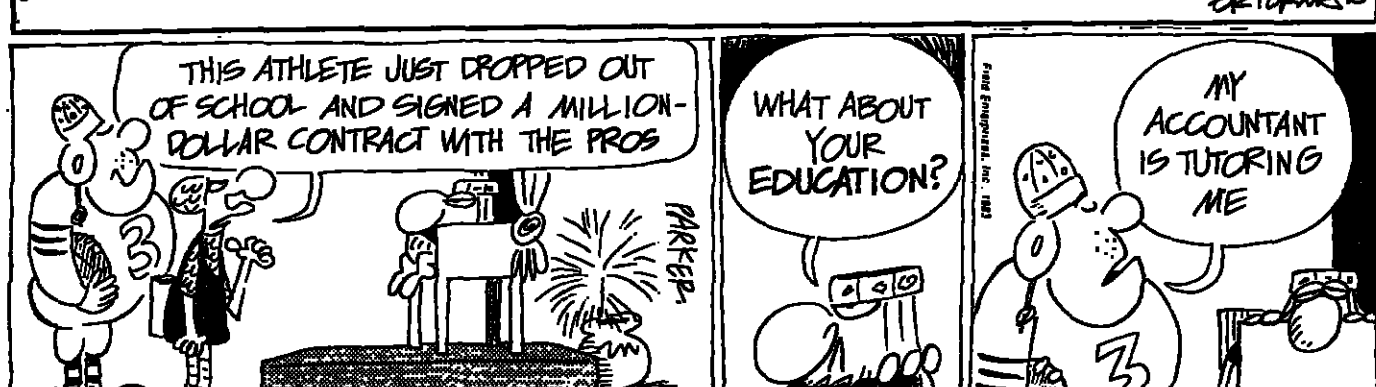
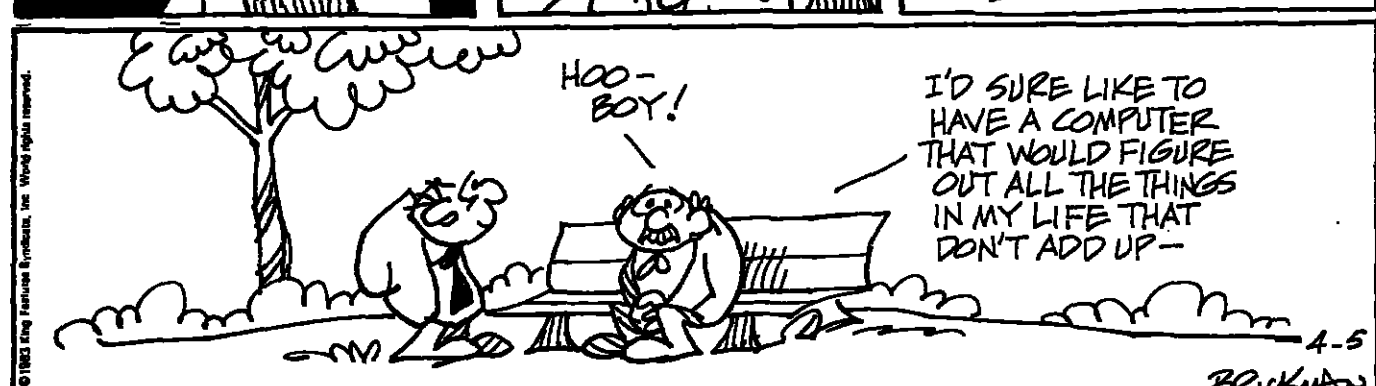
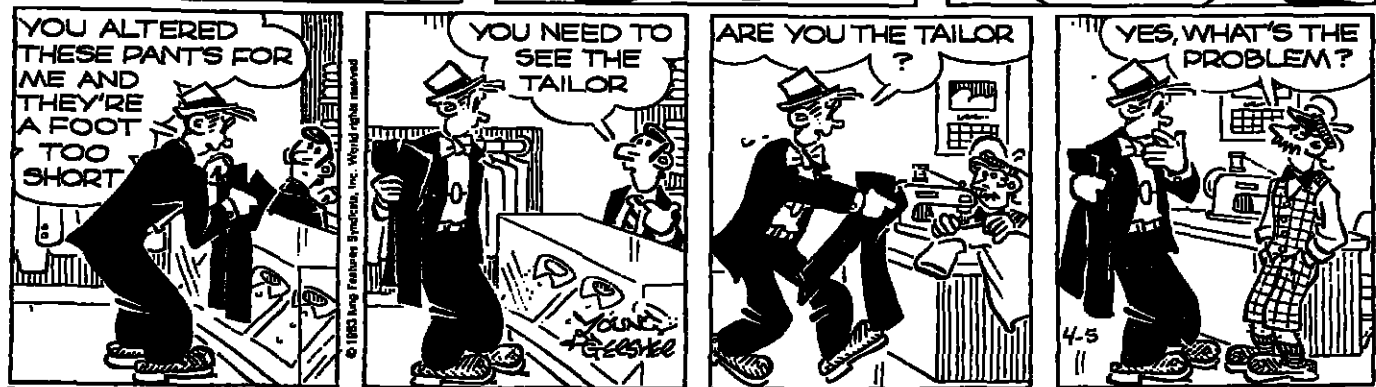
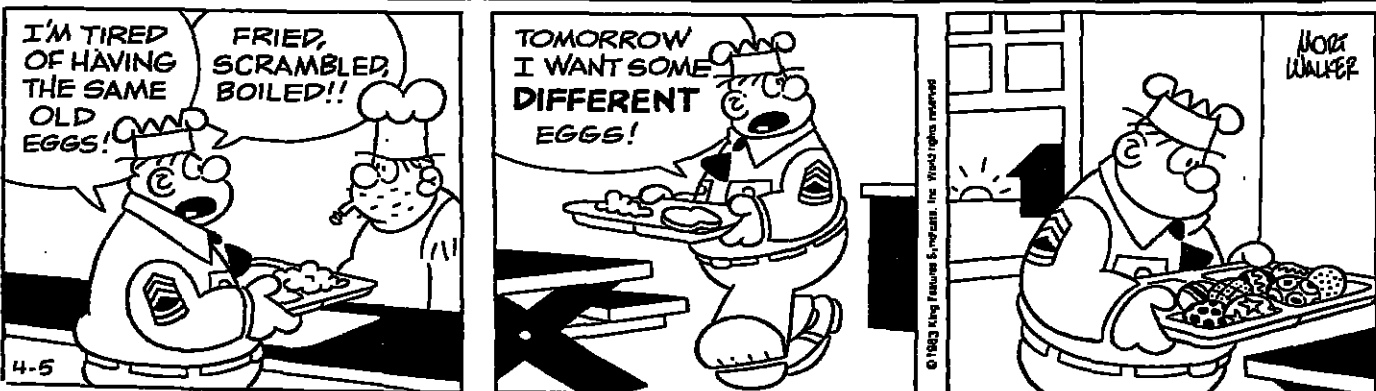
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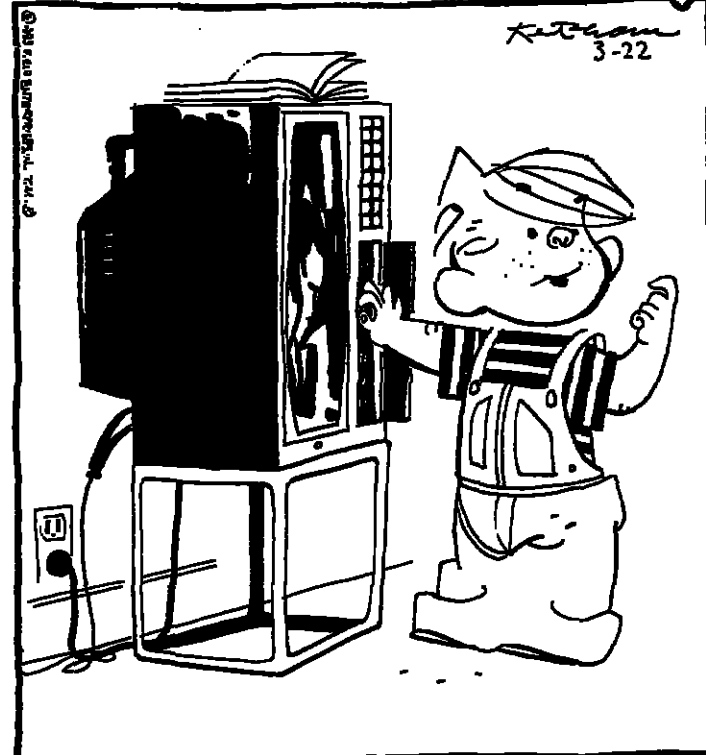
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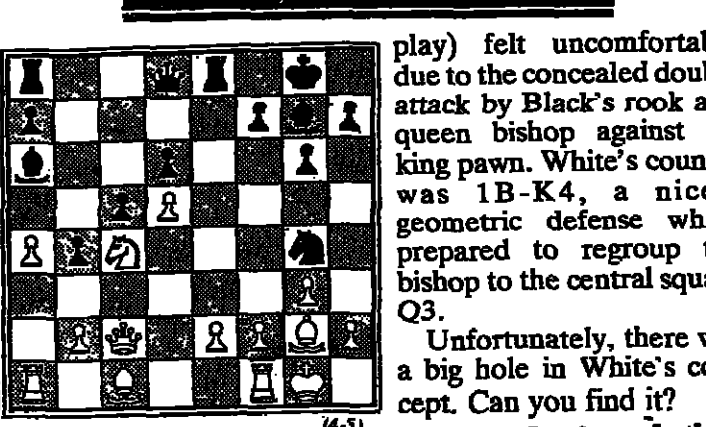
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0415 Outlook	1130 Voices to Remember
0445 Lullaby - The Prince of Music	1145 Ann Veronica
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0600 World News	0109 The World Today
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0630 John Peel	0140 Reflections
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Chess/Leonard Barden



Unfortunately, there was a big hole in White's concept. Can you find it?

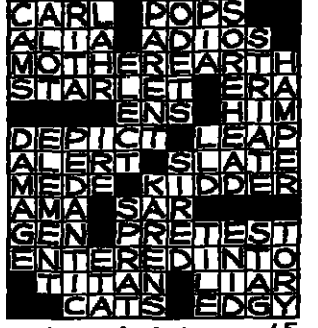
Yesterday's solution

No. 1 Q-R5? Left the white queen trapped after 2...R-R1; 3 Q-KT5, R-R4 trapping the queen and winning quickly.

Crossword

by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS	DOWN
1 Syrian city	1 Party giver
5 Nonfunny	2 Region
9 Spoken	3 Bogart film
10 Farewell (Sp.)	4 The works (with "The")
12 Vend	5 Fig variety
13 Scarcity	6 "Die Fledermaus" maid
15 Make lace	7 Inlet (Sp.)
16 Helios	8 British exclamation
17 "—gratias"	11 Ship
18 Ritzy	14 Unattractive
20 Thrash	16 Wife of Rama
21 Spanish monetary unit	19 season
23 Cupola	21 Mammal's hair
24 An Italian queen	
25 Frolic	
26 Departed	
27 "—loves company"	
28 Candelot tree	
29 Donizetti heroine	
30 Colloidal substance	
31 "—Buttermilk Sky"	
32 Sire's mate	
35 Repeat performance	
37 Wahine's dance	
38 Rental sign	
39 Maple genus	
40 Zola work	



Yesterday's Answer 4-5

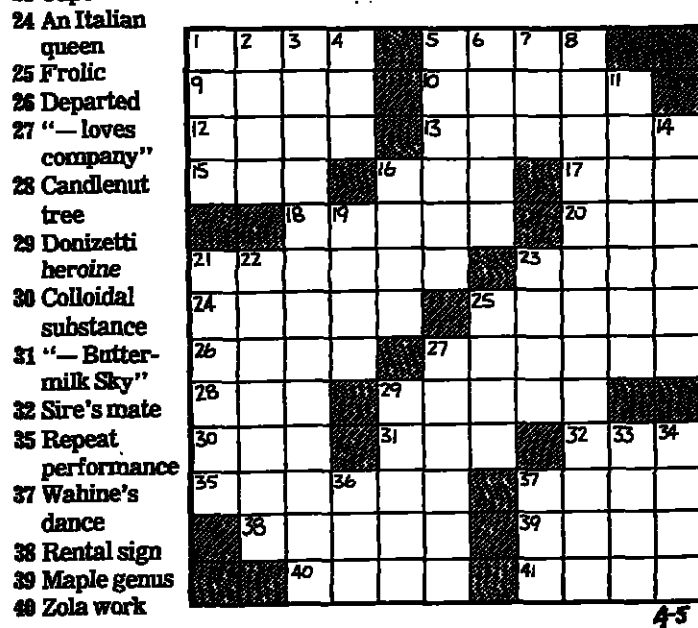
22 Particle 33 Athena's title

23 — Arnaz 34 "Pieta" figure

25 American playwright

27 Matador's red cloth 36 Palm leaf

29 "Houseboat" star 37 Chinese weight



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The Bidding Tells It All

West dealer. North-South vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ K94

♥ Q73

♦ K982

♣ A43

WEST

♠ QJ105

♥ A J 108

♦ 53

♣ K J 7

EAST

♠ 87632

♥ 9654

♦ —

♣ 10986

SOUTH

♠ A

♥ K 2

♦ A Q J 10764

♣ Q 52

The bidding:

West North East South

1♣ Dble 4♣ 6♣

Dble Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead — queen of spades.

Let's say you're in six diamonds doubled and West leads a spade. When dummy comes down, it occurs to you that North's takeout double was somewhat light, but, since that's water over the dam, you concentrate instead on how to play the hand.

At first glance, it seems you must lose a heart and a club and go down one. But when you think about it some more, you realize there's an excellent chance for the slam. West's hand is virtually an open book. He is bound to have the ace of hearts and king of clubs for his bids, and all you have to do is take advantage of that knowledge.

You win the spade with the ace and play the heart deuce at trick two. West can't afford to go up with the ace — you'd have twelve tricks if he did — so he plays the eight. You win with the queen, discard your king of hearts on the king of spades, and ruff a heart.

Then you play a low trump to the eight, ruff dummy's last heart, continue with a low trump to the nine, and lead the nine of spades. But instead of ruffing the spade, you discard a club!

West wins the spade with the ten but is helpless. If he returns a spade or a heart, you ruff in dummy and discard another club. If he returns a low club, instead of handing you a ruff and discard, you let it roll around to your queen, thus avoiding a club loser. Either way, you make the slam.

The fact is that from the start you should feel confident of making the contract — provided you follow the suggested line of play. The bidding tells you that you have West over a barrel, and there is no way he can escape his fate.

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Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake

FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 1983

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)

Despite some tension about a career matter, your profit-making potential improves. Partnership deals prove beneficial.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20)

Make plans for a pleasure trip, but doublecheck costs. You may find some loopholes regarding a financial matter. Scrutinize details.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)

Others tempt you to extravagance. You're better off putting some money away for a rainy day. Privacy abets the course of romance.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)

Though your social prospects take a turn for the better, you could be careless on the job. Romantic introductions are likely.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22)

Others tempt you to extravagance. You're better off putting some money away for a rainy day. Privacy abets the course of romance.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)

A family member may not follow through on a promise through sheer forgetfulness. School functions lead to loving encounters.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)

A domestic problem will be resolved to your satisfaction. Some changes in plans are likely. Home entertainments are favored.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

Unexpected expenses could arise. A work idea meets with opposition, but loved ones go along with your suggestions.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)

You could fritter away time and money today. Still, a social contact proves helpful careerwise. New money opportunities arise.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)

You may find yourself falling in love. Leisure time activities are especially rewarding. Follow through on commitments.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)

The tardiness of friends could upset you. Private pursuits are favored over social activities. Home life is blissful.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)

Socialize with others, but don't become financially involved with friends. You receive an invitation for weekend travel.

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Hanoi troops tighten grip on resistance areas

Thai planes strike at Viet posts

ARANYAPRATHET, Thailand, April 4 (AP) — Thailand launched air strikes Monday against Vietnamese positions along the Thai-Kampuchean border as Hanoi's troops appeared to consolidate their grip on key Kampuchean resistance areas in their five-day-old offensive, field reports said.

Thai military sources in Bangkok said the strikes were carried against Vietnamese positions just inside Thai territory south of Phnom Chat, but official spokesman for the air force and supreme military command would not comment, neither denying nor confirming the use of air power.

Associated Press newsmen near the scene said they saw three sorties which may or may not have struck against Kampuchean soil.

The border is ill-defined and fighting in recent days has spilled over into Thailand. The aircraft appeared to be U.S.-made F-5 jet fighter-bombers and OV-10 reconnaissance aircraft which are frequently used for air strike missions.

Thailand backs the anti-Vietnamese Democratic Kampuchea government.

Fighting along the border has escalated to its highest point since the four-year-old guerrilla war inside Kampuchea began.

Vietnamese troops appeared Monday to have tightened their grip around the headquarters of resistance leader Prince Norodom Sihanouk as fighting continued in three separate battle zones.

"The Vietnamese are in a good position to strike anywhere along the border and at short notice," one veteran Western analyst said. "But what they'll do next, anybody's guess is as good as anybody else's."

Vietnamese troops were digging in at O-Samak or Sihanoukville, the Kampuchean resistance stronghold they overtook and occupied in a swift attack Sunday, said a high-ranking military officer in the Thai frontier town of Aranyaprathet.

Despite the arrival of about 200 guerrillas from the resistance coalition faction led by Son Sann who came to aid 600-800 Sihanouk

guerrillas near there Monday morning, attempts at a counterattack seemed to have lost steam by late afternoon, he said. But he added there was some fighting late Monday north of Sihanoukville.

Around Phnom Chat, just inside Kampuchea about 120 kilometers southwest of Sihanoukville, Vietnamese artillery continued to fire at the area around the Khmer Rouge guerrilla base overrun by Hanoi's troops Thursday in the first thrust of the offensive, according to Associated Press reporters and relief agency sources.

Several shells fell on the Thai side of the border and temporarily halted evacuation efforts by United Nations workers who were moving 7,000 Kampuchean border area residents to a site deeper inside Thailand, they added.

The military officer in Aranyaprathet said Khmer Rouge guerrillas were still attacking a Vietnamese outpost in Kampuchea just south of there, but little information was available.

He estimated Khmer Rouge numbered less than 300, and Vietnamese strength at 200 to 300.

Meanwhile, Thai and United Nations officials transferred over 22,000 fleeing Kampuchean refugees to prepared refugee camps in Thailand, bringing to at least 42,000 the number accepted since Vietnam began its anti-guerrilla offensive five days ago.

International relief agency sources said 20,000 of Sihanoukville's 30,000 inhabitants had arrived at the border, and the rest were unaccounted for.

Total casualties in five days of action are unknown, but one relief agency official pressed to comment guessed 80-100 dead and 300-400 injured.

Meanwhile, 50 persons demonstrated in Bangkok outside the Vietnamese Embassy against the Saturday killings of five Thai soldiers. The soldiers died in a clash when more than 100 Vietnamese troops crossed two kilometers into Thailand for about one hour, according to military reports.

Gas warfare suspected

MANILA, April 4 (R) — Vietnamese soldiers captured by Thai forces during the current incursion across the Kampuchean border were equipped with gas masks, the speaker of the Thai National Assembly said Monday.

Air Chief Marshal Harin Hongskula told reporters he suspected they were using gas in their campaign against Kampuchean forces opposed to the Soviet-backed Heng Samrin government in Phnom Penh.

The United States has accused the Communist-led Indochinese states of using

lethal gas against rebels. The Thai speaker said he could not give details of how many Vietnamese troops were captured during their incursions into Thailand but told a questioner it was less than 20.

He described the fighting between Thai and Vietnamese troops as "not so serious... We are in control of the situation." He said he would raise the issue of the fighting at a five-day meeting of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) inter-parliamentary organization, which opens in Manila Tuesday.

3 whites slain in Zimbabwe

HARARE, April 4 (AP) — A white Zimbabwean senator, his daughter and a British visitor were killed when about 20 armed dissidents attacked a ranch while the family was having an outdoor barbecue, the government said Monday.

The attack occurred Sunday night at the ranch of Sen. Paul Savage in Matabeleland province about 80 miles south of Bulawayo, the provincial capital, authorities said.

Savage, his wife Betty, his daughter Colleen, 20, and a Briton whose name was not immediately released were grilling steaks when gunmen stormed the ranch, told the four to raise their hands and then shot them, the government statement said.

The government said Mrs. Savage was critically wounded in the assault. Friends said Mrs. Savage was out of danger Monday.

Savage, 70, is a senator of former Prime Minister Ian Smith's Republican Front Party in the upper house of parliament. A government spokesman said the name of the visiting Briton would be released when next of kin have been informed. But friends of the Savage family said she was a young woman.

"The gunmen, said by the government to be dissidents loyal to self-exiled opposition leader Joshua Nkomo, ransacked the ranch house and withdrew into the bush with "a large quantity of property," the spokesman said.

Germans hold peace rallies

FRANKFURT, West Germany, April 4 (AP) — Some 400,000 protesters massed in town squares throughout West Germany Monday, ending four days of anti-nuclear marches and blockades at U.S. military bases.

In Berlin, police said 181 protesters were arrested and later released during the past two days, but organizers reported no violence or injuries at the nationwide demonstrations.

In Frankfurt some 30,000 demonstrators gathered before a downtown cathedral, waving a rainbow of anti-nuclear banners and balloons. Pushing bicycles and baby carriages, protesters held placards reading "stop U.S. rockets" and "for a nuclear-free Europe."

In other West German cities protesters gathered before cathedrals and in town squares to listen to rock music and sing peace ballads, while speakers condemned plans to station new U.S. missiles in Western Europe.

In the southern black forest region, some 5,000 persons many carrying blue balloons painted with white peace doves, marched from the Swiss city of Basel across the border to Loerach.

In Frankfurt, organizers said more than 50,000 demonstrators turned out, while police said the number was around 20,000.

Protest leaders said the Easter gatherings were a prelude to massive demonstrations expected later this year if NATO goes ahead with its plan to station 572 new nuclear rockets in Western Europe.

Throughout the Easter weekend protesters blocked gates at 17 U.S. military bases, staged mock holocausts, dozens of "die-ins" in which large groups of demonstrators pretended to collapse and die, and marched for miles despite rain and low temperatures.

Marcos raps U.S.

MANILA, April 4 (AFP) — President Ferdinand Marcos on Monday chided the United States for insisting that an economic grant is part of the "rental" for U.S. use of two military bases here and for "trying to control it as if it were aid funds," the official Philippine News Agency reported.

The president, reported to be still in his home province of Ilocos Norte about 400 kilometers north of here, said the amended bases agreement of 1979 allow for part of the funds to be used for the economic improvement of areas around the bases but are still to be considered rental payments.

Challenger gets a 'go'

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida, April 4 (AP) — NASA gave its newest space shuttle Challenger a "go" for launch Monday as high-altitude winds that threatened postponement of the first flight subsided.

The \$1.2 billion ship, second in America's shuttle fleet of four, was set to shrug off 2 1/2 months of troubles and rocket off its launch pad at 1:30 p.m. (1830 GMT).

"A decision has been made that we are 'go' for launch," NASA spokesman Hugh Harris announced, after scientists studied the data gathered by air force weather balloons that sampled the jet stream. If the winds were too turbulent they could put dangerous stress on the orbiter during its ascent from the launch pad.

Starting before dawn, National Aeronautics and Space Administration crews filled the shuttle's peach-colored external tank with 385,000 gallons of liquid hydrogen and 141,000 gallons of liquid oxygen.

The near-flawless countdown, stopped for

more than 24 hours to give most launch team members Easter Sunday off, resumed shortly after midnight.

"Our job is to verify Challenger for routine space missions," said Paul J. Weitz, 50, a retired navy captain who is commander of the ship's maiden flight. He spent 28 days in orbit aboard the Skylab space station in 1973.

Pilot on this flight is Karol J. Bobko, 45, a colonel in the air force; the mission specialists are Story Musgrave, 47 — a surgeon before he became an astronaut and still practicing — and Donald H. Peterson, a retired air force colonel.

"This is probably the smoothest countdown I have been involved with in 20 years," test director Norman Carlson said.

The first day in space will be longer than any on the five missions of Columbia, the first operational shuttle.

S. Africa police shoot black dead

JOHANNESBURG, April 4 (AP) — A community leader opposed to the government's seizure of black-owned land was shot dead over the weekend by a policeman trying to scatter angry protesters in one of the condemned villages.

The shooting of Saul Mkhize, a 48-year-old black, adds to the controversy surrounding the government's policy of removing so-called "black spots" from South Africa and relocating residents to tribal homelands.

Mkhize was the elected leader of some 5,000 blacks in Driefontein, a sleepy farming village 200 kilometers east of Johannesburg. Driefontein has become a rallying point for opponents of Pretoria's forced removals.

The government says the area is on the site of a proposed dam. Farmers there protest that they purchased their land after the turn of the century and they are not to be adequately compensated.

Press reports said police appeared Saturday at the rally site and announced the gathering was illegal. Quoting witnesses, the accounts said police lobbed tear gas at the protesters after they refused to disperse.

8 die in China air crash

PEKING, April 4 (AFP) — A private plane carrying French offshore oil technicians, reportedly bound for a holiday in Hong Kong crashed outside Canton, killing all eight persons aboard, Chinese aviation officials said.

Officials of the Civil Aviation Administration of China (CAAC) in Canton said five French technicians and three Chinese crew members were killed in the crash of the "Superkingair" plane outside the south China city. The CAAC declined to give further details of the accident.

Sources in Hong Kong, citing officials at Canton Airport, said the plane owned by the French oil company Total-Chine crashed two minutes after takeoff on its way to the British colony following a refueling stop.



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Bangkok	29	84	31	88	clear		Moscow	8	46	18	64	clear	
Beirut	17	63	23	73	clear		New Delhi	22	72	34	93	clear	
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Brussels	2	36	9	48	rain		Nicosia	10	50	22	72	clear	
Buenos Aires	14	57	21	70	clear		Ozlo	0	32	2	36	snow	
Cairo	12	54	25	77	clear		Paris	1	34	8	46	cloudy	
Caracas	19	66	32	90	cloudy		Peking	7	45	17	63	clear	
Chicago	2	36	5	41	cloudy		Perth	20	68	23	73	rain	
Dublin	1	34	8	46	rain		Rio de Janeiro	17	63	30	86	clear	
Frankfurt	-3	27	7	45	rain		Rome	7	45	13	55	rain	
Geneva	-3	27	7	45	rain		San Francisco	7	45	15	59	clear	
Helsinki	4	39	5	41	cloudy		Seoul	1	34	11	52	clear	
Hong Kong	19	66	22	72	cloudy		Singapore	25	77	34	93	clear	
Jakarta	24	75	32	90	rain		Stockholm	1	34	3	37	rain	
Kuala Lumpur	24	75	34	93	rain		Sydney	19	66	22	72	rain	
London	2	36	9	48	cloudy		Taipei	18	64	23	73	clear	
Los Angeles	14	57	19	66	clear		Tokyo	9	48	19	66	cloudy	
Madrid	1	34	14	57	clear		Toronto	2	36	6	43	cloudy	
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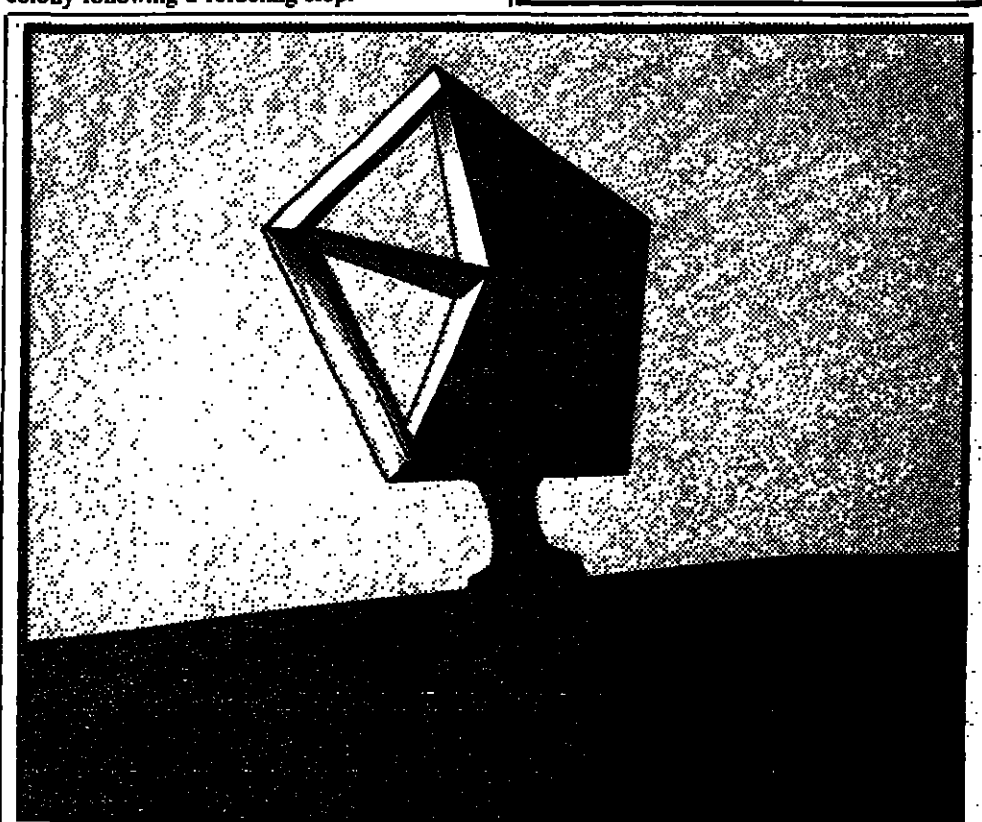
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